

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2006

RE: H.R. No. 30  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2006  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.R. No. 30 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A WORKING GROUP TO PROTECT THE BATOIDEA ORDER, INCLUDING MANTA RAYS FROM POACHING AND FISHING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this resolution is to request the establishment of a working group to protect the Batoidea Order, including manta rays, from poaching and fishing.

Several concerned individuals testified in support of this resolution. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this resolution by:

- (1) Changing "BATOIDEA ORDER" in its title to read "ORDER BATOIDEA";
- (2) Removing county councils from, and adding government agencies with expertise to, the list of agencies DLNR is requested to partner with to conduct the study on measures to protect the Order Batoidea;



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- (3) Removing from the study the request to determine the appropriate state agency to be responsible for enforcing the administrative rules;
- (4) Requesting DLNR to immediately implement emergency measures to prohibit the taking of manta rays while the study is in progress; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style, clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 30, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 30, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, &  
Ocean Resources,

  
FOR \_\_\_\_\_  
EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



