

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 23, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2006  
S.D. 3  
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 S.B. No. 2006, S.D. 3, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT PROHIBITING SALES OF OPIHI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to conserve and protect our precious natural resources and ensure the sustainability of one of Hawaii's most sought-after delicacies by prohibiting the selling of opihi in a manner that also respects Hawaiian cultural practices.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a member of the Maui County Council, The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, and several concerned individuals supported this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Community Conservation Network supported this measure with amendments.

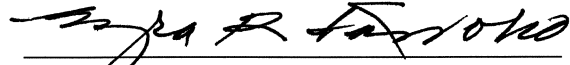
Your Committee has amended this bill by, among other things:

- (1) Deleting the provision that allowed a resident of any populated island that is privately owned and has a population of 500 or less to sell opihi; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive changes for clarity, consistency, and style.



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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2006, S.D. 3, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2006, S.D. 3, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

  
EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



