

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 23, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2501  
S.D. 1  
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. 2501, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect the fish stocks and coral reef habitats in the Ha'ena ahupua'a on the island of Kauai by establishing a community-based subsistence fishing area in state waters adjacent to the Ha'ena ahupua'a.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Hanalei Watershed Hui, Limahuli Garden and Preserve, Community Conservation Network, and concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Ocean Tourism Coalition supported this measure with amendments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Requiring DLNR, in developing a management plan, to recognize marine activities allowed by DLNR;
- (2) Extending the effective date of the statutory prohibition against net fishing in Kahului Harbor (Harbor) to June 30, 2007, and repealing the statutory prohibition when DLNR adopts rules regulating user conflicts in the Harbor. This amendment will allow DLNR

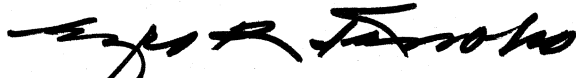


adequate time to adopt the necessary rules to carry out the provisions of Act 218, Session Laws of Hawaii 2005; and

- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity 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. 2501, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2501, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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

  
EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



