

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2737
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. 2737, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE INVERTEBRATES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to prohibit the taking or killing of female ula (spiny lobster), Kona crab, and Samoan crab, except for the taking or killing of female marine invertebrates that are products of commercial aquaculture and not removed from their natural environment.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Conservation Council for Hawaii supported this measure and suggested amendments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Specifying that the prohibition is subject to exemptions provided by law; and
- (2) Including the scientific names of the female ula, Kona crab, and Samoan crab.



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. 2737, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2737, S.D. 1, 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



