

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1979

Honolulu, Hawaii

A-012, 2007

RE: H.C.R. No. 233  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2007  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 233 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REVIEW THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BOATING SPEED LIMIT GUIDELINE IN DESIGNATED HUMPBACK WHALE AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this concurrent resolution is requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources to review the effectiveness of the department's boating speed limit guideline in designated humpback whale areas.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted testimony supporting the intent of this concurrent resolution. Several individuals submitted testimony in support.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is currently in the process of reviewing its Sanctuary management plans as required by Federal law under the National Marine Sanctuary Program. However, this process is expected to take at least two years to complete.

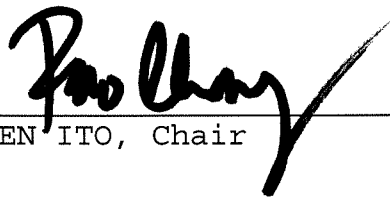
Your committee has amended this measure by

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- (1) Adding language requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources to update the Legislature of its progress of the review; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to report back to the Legislature in 2009 their findings prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
- (3) Technical, nonsubstantive amendments were also made for clarity and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 233, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 233, H.D. 1.

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

for:   
KEN ITO, Chair

