

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.C.R. No. 265

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2007
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Energy and Environment, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 265 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION AND DESIGNATION OF THE NORTHWESTERN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT, PAPA HANAUMOKUAKEA, AS A WORLD HERITAGE SITE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to recognize the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument for its natural, cultural, and historic heritage by supporting the nomination and designation of this Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument as a World Heritage Site.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Hawaii Audubon Society.

Your Committee finds that the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument possesses outstanding universal value and fulfills the requirements set forth in the World Heritage Convention for designation as a mixed natural and cultural World Heritage Site. International recognition and preservation of this vast, isolated archipelago is vital in the global campaign to preserve biodiversity.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy and Environment that is attached to this



report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 265, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Energy and
Environment,



RON MENOR, Chair



