

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2626  
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Tourism & Culture, to which was referred  
H.B. No. 2626 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION OF THE  
HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL AS THE STATE MAMMAL OF HAWAI'I,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to raise public awareness of the  
endemic, but endangered, Hawaiian monk seal by designating the  
Hawaiian monk seal as the official state mammal of Hawaii.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of  
Hawaiian Affairs, and several concerned individuals supported this  
bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2025, to  
encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style,  
clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your  
Committee on Tourism & Culture that is attached to this report,  
your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B.  
No. 2626, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third  
Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1.

HB2626 HD1 HSCR TAC HMS 2008-2510



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Tourism & Culture,

  
RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

**HSCR 764-08**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Tourism & Culture**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2626 (HSCR 371-08)	<b>Committee Referral:</b> WLH, TAC	<b>Date:</b> 02/25/08	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.			
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)			
<b>TAC Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>
1. YAMANE, Ryan I. (C)	/		
2. MANAHAN, Joey (VC)	/		
3. BERG, Lyla B., Ph.D.			/
4. BROWER, Tom	/		
5. CHANG, Jerry L.			/
6. HANOHANO, Faye P.	/		
7. HERKES, Robert N.			/
8. TSUJI, Clift	/		
9. WAKAI, Glenn	/		
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/		
11. CHING, Corinne W.L.			/
12. MARUMOTO, Barbara C.	/		
<b>TOTAL (12)</b>	8		4
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>			
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b>			
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