

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2687  
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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2687, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the responsible protection and reasonable use of Hawaii's aquatic resources by requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to conduct a review of any new administrative rules adopted after January 1, 2008, concerning:

- (1) The protection and propagation of introduced and transplanted aquatic life; or
- (2) The conservation and allocation of the natural supply of aquatic life, including the effects of rules governing bottomfish management and lay gill nets adopted by DLNR,

and determine whether the rules have achieved their intended purpose.

This measure also:

- (1) Requires DLNR to submit a report of its findings and recommendations of this review to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009 and every five years thereafter; and

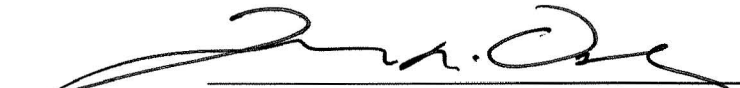


- (2) Provides an unspecified amount of funds for DLNR to conduct their review.

A concerned individual testified in support of this bill. DLNR and Conservation Council for Hawaii testified in opposition to this measure. The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii and a concerned individual submitted comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2687, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

**HSCR 829-08**

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance**

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> HB 2687	<b>Committee Referral:</b> FIN	<b>Date:</b> 2-22-2008		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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>FIN Members</b>	<b>Ayes</b>	<b>Ayes (WR)</b>	<b>Nays</b>	<b>Excused</b>
1. OSHIRO, Marcus R. (C)	✓			
2. LEE, Marilyn B. (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen Leinani	✓			
4. BELATTI, Della Au	✓			
5. BROWER, Tom	✓			
6. CARROLL, Mele	✓			
7. HANOHANO, Faye P.	✓			
8. HAR, Sharon E.				✓
9. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki	✓			
10. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	✓			
11. MANAHAN, Joey	✓			
12. MIZUNO, John	✓			
13. NAKASONE, Bob				✓
14. RHOADS, Karl	✓			
15. SAGUM, Roland D., III	✓			
16. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
17. MEYER, Colleen Rose		✓		
18. PINE, Kymberly Marcos		✓		
19. WARD, Gene, Ph.D.		✓		
<b>TOTAL (19)</b>	14	3	0	2
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <span style="margin-left: 150px;">committee acronym(s)</span>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Marilyn B. Lee</u>				
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