

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 14, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3262
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 Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 3262 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HONOLUA BAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect and preserve the valuable natural resources of Honolua Bay on the island of Maui by creating a temporary Honolua Bay Advisory Committee (Advisory Committee) tasked to develop a plan to acquire and manage Lipoa Point for public use.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supported the intent of this bill. The Honolua Advisory Council and numerous concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Maui Land & Pineapple Company, Inc., provided comments.

Your Committee finds that community groups and the landowner are currently working on a management plan for Lipoa Point. However, efforts to protect Honolua Bay must encompass measures to protect the marine resources of Honolua Bay as well. Accordingly, your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Tasking the Advisory Committee with the development of a Honolua Bay Marine Life Conservation District management plan, instead of an acquisition and management plan to purchase Lipoa Point; and

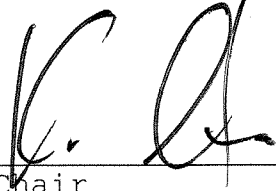


- (2) Adding a seat on the Advisory Committee to include a representative from the ocean tourism industry.

Other technical, nonsubstantive amendments were made for style, clarity, and consistency.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3262, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3262, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



KEN ITO, Chair



