

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1170-08

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 18, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2464

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 S.B. No. 2464 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE MAMMAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to designate the Hawaiian monk seal, one of only two mammals endemic to Hawaii, as the State mammal.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Conservation Council for Hawaii, Hanalei Watershed Hui, and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill.

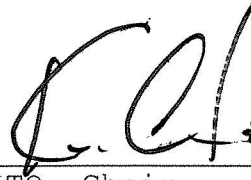
Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian monk seal is endangered and currently numbers only about 1,200. This bill is necessary to raise awareness of and increase protection measures for the Hawaiian monk seal.

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 S.B. No. 2464 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Tourism & Culture.

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



KEN ITO, Chair



