

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 6
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 6, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OPIHI,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to ensure the sustainability of opihi by prohibiting the sale of all Hawaiian species of edible opihi, with an exception for opihi shells of a certain size used to make curios and jewelry.

The Sierra Club, Hawaii Chapter, supported this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Tamashiro Market, Inc., Boyd's Fish market, and numerous concerned individuals opposed this bill.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2010, provided that this bill shall not take effect if DLNR adopts rules regulating the taking of opihi that come into effect before January 1, 2010; 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 Judiciary that is attached to this report, your



Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 6, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 6, H.D. 2.

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



TOMMY WATERS, Chair



