

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2650

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 29 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2464

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation, 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 measure is to recognize the importance and uniqueness of the Hawaiian monk seal to the Hawaiian Islands by establishing and designating the Hawaiian monk seal as the official state mammal.

Your Committee received widespread support for this measure and a related one, S.B. No. 2465, which would designate the third Saturday in April of each year as "Hawaiian Monk Seal Day". Supportive testimony was submitted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources; the Conservation Council of Hawai'i; the Marine Conservation Biology Institute, Hawaii; and over one hundred individuals; including the 4th Grade Class of Island Pacific Academy, the 5th Grade Class of St. Andrew's Priory, students from Kapunahala Elementary School, Sacred Hearts Academy, Kamehameha Schools, over seventy from James Campbell High School, and from the University of Hawai'i.

Many of the people who testified were volunteers who watched over Chester, the Hawaiian monk seal, who recently spent several weeks of his annual moult on the windward Oahu beaches of Kailua and Lanikai. They spoke of how important it was to both protect Chester during the period when he was most vulnerable, and to educate the public who watched his progress - not always patiently or sympathetically.

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The members of your Committee commend the commitment of all those who supported both of these measures, including the many students, teachers, and individuals who attended the hearing and spoke so eloquently about the plight of the Hawaiian monk seal and the importance of protecting this endangered symbol of Hawai'i.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development and Taxation 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 placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Economic
Development and Taxation,



CAROL FUKUNAGA, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
FUKUNAGA, Carol (C)	✓			
ESPERO, Will (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	✓			
IGE, David Y.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Will Espero*

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