

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.R. No. 26  
S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2009  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.R. No. 26 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT, "THE CORAL REEF OF SOUTH MOLOKAI, HAWAII: PORTRAIT OF A SEDIMENT THREATENED FRINGING REEF", ENCOURAGING FEDERAL, STATE, AND COMMUNITY COOPERATION TO STEWARD THE SOUTH MOLOKAI REEF FISHERY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is:

- (1) To express support of the Senate for the United States Geological Survey Report, "The Coral Reef of South Moloka'i, Hawaii: Portrait of a Sediment Threatened Fringing Reef";
- (2) To encourage federal and state agencies to recognize and support the conclusions of the report; and
- (3) To express support of the Senate for the community-based efforts to steward the South Moloka'i Reef fishery and for the use of the scientific findings presented in the report and traditional Hawaiian conservation practices, to preserve the health of the South Moloka'i Reef.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by one state agency, one organization, and two individuals. Comments



were submitted by one state agency. Written testimony presented to the Committee may be reviewed on the Legislature's website.

Your Committee finds that the South Moloka'i Reef is the longest, most continuous, and densest coral reef in the main Hawaiian Islands, and that it is a unique area that should be studied and protected. Your Committee also finds that the United States Geological Report entitled "The Coral Reef of South Moloka'i, Hawaii: Portrait of a Sediment Threatened Fringing Reef" is a product of successful collaboration among federal and state agencies that presents new, technical data on the South Moloka'i Reef and recognizes the native Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a management.

Your Committee agrees with the conclusion of the report that the condition of the South Moloka'i Reef can improve with enough will and local support, and appreciates the efforts of federal and state agencies and communities to study and steward the South Moloka'i Reef and fishery.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive changes for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture, and Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 26, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.R. No. 26, S.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land,  
Agriculture, and Hawaiian  
Affairs,




CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Fifth Legislature  
 State of Hawaii

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SR 26</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>02-27-09</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
HEE, Clayton (C)	✓			
TOKUDA, Jill N. (VC)				✓
BUNDA, Robert				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
KOKUBUN, Russell S.	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y.				✓
HEMMINGS, Fred	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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