

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 26 2010

RE: S.B. No. 2169
S.D. 2

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fifth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2010
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, to which was referred S.B. No. 2169, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SHARK FINS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the possession, sale, and distribution of shark fins in Hawaii.

When shark fins are harvested, the shark is caught, the fin is cut off, and the shark is returned to the water to die a slow death. This results in tens of millions of shark deaths each year. Unlike other fish species, sharks do not reach the age of sexual maturity until seven to twelve years of age and then only give birth to a small litter of young. Sharks are apex marine predators and play a key role in the ecosystem of the ocean; without them other species would overpopulate, causing an imbalance in ocean life.

Your Committee finds that shark finning has been deemed to be cruelty to animals and that current federal and state law is ineffective with deterring the practice. Your Committee has concerns about the statutory construction of this measure, however, and believes the measure should continue to be evaluated and discussed further as it moves through the legislative process.

Accordingly, your Committee has amended this measure by changing the effective date to July 1, 2050 to promote further discussion.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2169, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2169, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Government Operations,

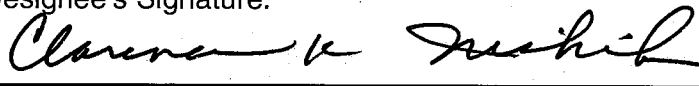


BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 2169, SDI	WTL, JGO	2/23/10		
<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
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
TAKAMINE, Dwight Y. (VC)				✓
BUNDA, Robert				✓
GABBARD, Mike	✓			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	✓			
SLOM, Sam		✓		
TOTAL	3	1	—	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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