

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2011

RE: H.B. No. 578
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 578 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's natural ecosystem by establishing civil penalties for shark feeding, including:

- (1) The seizure and forfeiture of any commercial marine license, vessel, and fishing equipment; and
- (2) An administrative fine of at least \$5,000 and not more than \$15,000.

Safe Waters for Hawaii and a concerned individual supported this bill. North Shore Shark Adventures and several concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources offered comments.

After careful consideration, your Committee has amended this bill by:

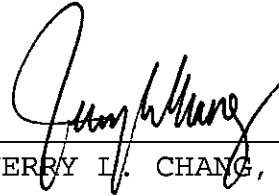
- (1) Eliminating the seizure and forfeiture of any commercial marine license, vessel, and fishing equipment; but



(2) Retaining the administrative fine,
as a civil penalty for shark feeding.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 578, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 578, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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



JERRY I. CHANG, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 578	Committee Referral: WLO, JOD	Date: 2/11/11		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)	✓			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	✓			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.				✓
4. CARROLL, Mele				✓
5. CHONG, Pono				✓
6. COFFMAN, Denny	✓			
7. HERKES, Robert N.	✓			
8. ITO, Ken	✓			
9. MORITA, Hermina M.	✓			
10. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	✓			
11. RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
12. THIELEN, Cynthia	✓			
TOTAL (12)	9			3
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted if joint referral, committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Sharon Har</i></u>				
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