

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

690

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 04 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1511
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2011
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to support the growth of the aquaculture industry by increasing lease terms for aquaculture operations from thirty-five to sixty-five years.

Further, the measure authorizes the granting of a right of first refusal to aquacultural operations in good standing.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from Frederick M. Mencher, East Oahu County Farm Bureau; Ronald P. Weisenbach, President, Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Hawaii Fish Company, Inc.; North Shore AquaFarm; Hawaii Farm Bureau; and one individual.

Your Committee received written comments in opposition to the measure from William J. Aila, Jr., Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources; Charles Flaherty, President, Apono Hawaii; Food and Water Watch; Linda Morgan, Ka 'Ohana O Honaunau; and twenty-three individuals.

Your Committee finds that federally guaranteed loans for aquaculture enterprises are available for loan terms up to forty years, but some of these require applicants to have a lease with at least five years remaining past the term of the loan, for a

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minimum of forty-five years. Other federal loans require a lease at least fifty per cent longer than the term of the loan.

Currently, aquaculture leases in Hawaii have a statutory limit of thirty-five years, with no option for renewal. Providing favorable terms for the leasing of public lands better enables aquaculture enterprises to pursue federally guaranteed loans and encourages commercial aquaculture production in the State.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,




DAVID Y. IGE, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Sixth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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SB 1511, SD1	ABL/WLH, WAM	3-11		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
IGE, David Y. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
CHUN OAKLAND, Suzanne	/			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.	/			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	/			
KIM, Donna Mercado	/			
KAHELE, Gilbert	/			
KOUCHI, Ronald D.	/			
RYAN, Pohai	/			
TOKUDA, Jill N.	/			
WAKAI, Glenn	/			
SLOM, Sam	/			
TOTAL	14	0	0	0
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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