

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2402

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2933
S.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui
President of the Senate
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing, to which was referred S.B. No. 2933 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN SAFETY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the installation of eight swim zone buoys at Kamaole Beach.

Prior to the hearing on this measure, your Committee posted a draft S.D. 1, which amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules imposing stricter regulations for the safety of ocean users; and
- (2) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to report to the Legislature, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2013 Regular Session, on the status of rule making and any other measures taken to promote the safety of ocean and beach users in the State's nearshore waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from three Maui County Council Members and eight individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

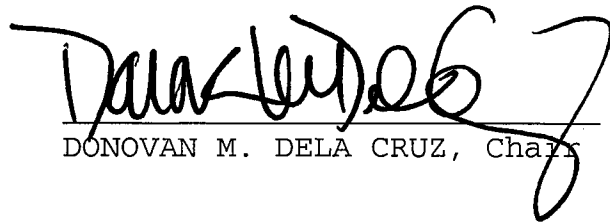


Your Committee finds that increased recreational and commercial activities in Hawaii's nearshore waters have led to safety concerns and, in some cases, tragic results. In the last year alone, there have been two fatal boating accidents in the waters off of Maui and Lanai. Installing safety features such as swim zone buoys and requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules imposing stricter ocean safety regulations will ensure greater ocean safety in highly populated areas of the State.

Your Committee has adopted the amendments in the draft S.D. 1, and has further amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Housing that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2933, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2933, S.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, and
Housing,

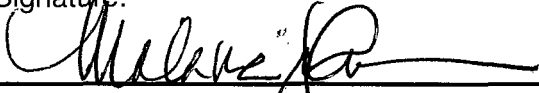


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2933	WLH, WAM	2-16-12		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	✓			
SOLOMON, Malama (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
RYAN, Pohai	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile				✓
TOKUDA, Jill N.	✓			
SLOM, Sam	✓			
TOTAL	6			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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