

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1391

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 2, 2013

RE: H.C.R. No. 91
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 91 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A MARINE GAME FISHING TASK FORCE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Administrator of the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a marine game fishing task force to develop a regulatory scheme for licensure for marine game fishing.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to reflect the measure's intent that the Department of Land and Natural Resources convene a task force to develop a proposed regulatory scheme for requiring licensure for marine game fishing;
- (2) Requesting the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to designate an individual to convene the task force, serve as its chairperson, and submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the

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Legislature, rather than assigning those duties to the Administrator of the Division of Aquatic Resources;

- (3) Requesting that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources invite interested parties, including native Hawaiian groups, to participate on the task force instead of specifying its participants; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee notes that there are concerns that fishing is a way of life for many, including children under the age of 12, and a regulatory scheme requiring persons to obtain a permit for fishing may interrupt such a way of life. Your Committee further notes that the regulatory scheme proposed by this measure would not apply to fishing for freshwater fish.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 91, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Economic Development & Business in the form attached hereto as H.C.R. No. 91, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,



FAYE F. HANOHANO, Chair



