

Honolulu, Hawaii  
, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1556  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian  
Affairs and Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1556  
entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF  
PAPAHANAUMOKUAKEA,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Establish the Papahanaumokuakea Legislative Inspection  
Committee (the "Inspection Committee"); and
- (2) Require the members of the Inspection Committee to  
conduct a site inspection of the Papahanaumokuakea  
Marine National Monument (the "Monument") every three  
years.

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

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Specifying that the Inspection Committee shall:
  - (A) Review the purpose and objectives of the Monument;



- (B) Ensure that the federal government is in compliance with the Monument Management Plan established pursuant to the 2006 Presidential Proclamation that created the Monument and the Memorandum of Agreement between the federal and state government; and
  - (C) Examine how federal and state agencies are managing the Monument's resources and responding to threats including those threats from climate change and marine debris;
- (2) Requiring the Inspection Committee to submit a report to the Legislature regarding the status of the Monument prior to the start of each regular session immediately following the Inspection Committee's site visit;
  - (3) Inserting an appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to coordinate and facilitate the Inspection Committee's site visits;
  - (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2014; and
  - (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committees respectfully request that your Committee on Finance determine the appropriate funding mechanism for the Inspection Committee's site visits.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and Water & Land that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1556, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1556, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.



Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Ocean, Marine  
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs  
and Water & Land,



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CINDY EVANS, Chair



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FAYE P. HANOHANO, Chair





