

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 13, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 709
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 709, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct public outreach meetings to adopt rules on statewide coastal management.

The Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a task force to assist in the development of rules applicable to all coastal areas and nearshore waters; provided that the Department of Land and Natural Resources may implement rules regarding waters around Niihau only after the task force submits its final report to the Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017;
- (2) Specifying that the rules developed shall regulate fishing, gathering, leisure, and other activities;



- (3) Requiring the task force, in carrying out its duties, to consult with persons who have expertise in host culture konohiki practices and examine empirical and scientific data compiled by credible academic and scientific sources; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 709, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 709, H.D. 2, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

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



FAYE P. HANOZANO, Chair



