

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 709, H.D. 2, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure greater protection of the State's ocean resources by:

- (1) Establishing a task force to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources in developing rules applicable to all coastal areas and nearshore waters and submit regular reports to the Legislature;
- (2) Prohibiting the Department of Land and Natural Resources from implementing rules relating to the coastal areas and nearshore waters of Niihau before the task force submits its final report; and
- (3) Appropriating funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct public outreach meetings related to the development of rules applicable to all coastal areas and nearshore waters.

Fishing Tales with Mike Sakamoto and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Aha Moku Advisory Committee testified in opposition to this measure.

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Your Committee notes that discussion was raised on the potential importance of adding a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner to the task force.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 709, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



HSR 754-14

Record of Votes of the Committee on Finance

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 709, HD2	Committee Referral: QMH, FIN	Date: 2/26/2014		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. ING, Kaniela	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/			
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee				/
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/			
14. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth	/			
17. WARD, Gene	/			
TOTAL (17)	16			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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