

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3471

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 17 2014

RE: H.C.R. No. 170  
H.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred  
H.C.R. No. 170, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT RULES TO MANAGE MANTA RAY DIVE  
SITES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules to manage  
manta ray dive sites.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Ocean Wings  
Hawaii, Inc.; Jacks Diving Locker; and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that the manta ray night dive is a  
popular activity in West Hawaii, and visitors visit Hawaii Island  
for the purpose of participating in this activity. These dives  
occur at specific locations where manta rays are known to  
frequent. The popularity of this activity has grown over the  
years, and now there are many boats, kayaks, stand up paddle  
boarders, swimmers, divers, snorkelers, and other recreational and  
commercial users present at these sites at the same time, creating  
a potentially dangerous situation.

Your Committee further finds that if an accident occurs, it  
would be not only tragic but also harmful to the diving industry,  
and a potential liability to the State. Ensuring the safety of

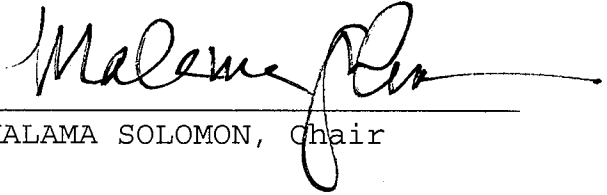
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workers, visitors, and manta rays and ensuring a good visitor experience are in the best interest of the health and safety of the general public as well as the manta rays.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 170, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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



MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Seventh Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>HCR 170 HD1</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL</b>	Date: <b>4/15/14</b>		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
<b>Members</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Aye (WR)</b>	<b>Nay</b>	<b>Excused</b>
SOLOMON, Malama (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.				✓
IHARA, Jr., Les				✓
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
TANIGUCHI, Brian				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
SLOM, Sam	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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