

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 19, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2023  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2023 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED SUBSISTENCE FISHING AREAS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to designate and adopt rules for the management of no fewer than five community-based subsistence fishing areas by December 31, 2020. The measure establishes a designation process and rule requirements.

Ho'omana Pono, LLC and several individuals testified in support of this measure. Numerous individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Kuaaina Ulu Auamo, and The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the Department of Land and Natural Resources adopt a management plan for each designated area by rule;
- (2) Requiring the Department to adopt rules regarding limits on activities, other than extractive activities, that may affect the marine environment or interfere with harvesting, gathering, or subsistence practices;



- (3) Changing the effective date to December 24, 2088; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments.

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. 2023, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2023, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

  
KANIELA ING, Chair



