

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 4, 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2025

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 Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2025, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE SPECIES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to convene a task force to identify the ten most vital marine species to Hawaii's reef ecosystems that would be vulnerable to extinction if the take level of those species increases and to assist the Department of Land and Natural Resources in determining possible actions to preserve those species.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Crop Improvement Association, and three individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Office of Hawaii Affairs provided comments.

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. 2025, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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



SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



