

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2998

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 23 2016

RE: H.B. No. 2025  
H.D. 1  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2016  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture, 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 and intent 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.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen, Wayne's Ocean World, and five individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's coral reefs are home to a wide variety of marine species, many of which are endemic to Hawaii, that play an important role for the State's inhabitants and provide residents and visitors physical, cultural, environmental, and spiritual sustenance. As interest in the marine species of Hawaii increases, the number of species being removed from their native coral reefs also increases and makes marine species found in the coral reefs of Hawaii more vulnerable to extinction.

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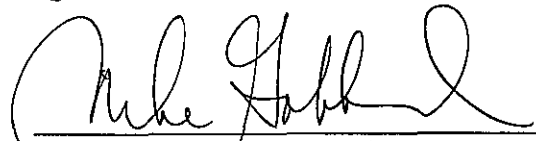


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that the task force membership includes the Administrator of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Administrator's designee;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2016; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2025, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2025, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Ways and Means and Economic Development, Environment, and Technology.

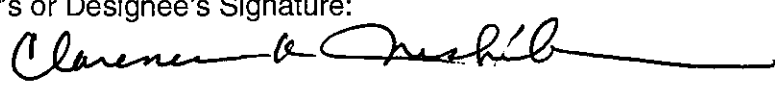
Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Water, Land, and  
Agriculture,

  
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MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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**Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture**  
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| Bill / Resolution No.:*   | Committee Referral: | Date:    |
| HB 2025, HD1  | WLA, WAM/EET        | 3-16-16  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.<br>If so, then the previous decision was to: _____   |                     |          |
| The Recommendation is:  |                     |          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313                            |                     |          |
| Members   | Aye                 | Aye (WR) |
| Nay   | Excused             |          |
| GABBARD, Mike (C)   | /                   |          |
| NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (VC)   | /                   |          |
| DELA CRUZ, Donovan M.   |                     | /        |
| RIVIERE, Gil  | /                   |          |
| RUDERMAN, Russell E.  | /                   |          |
| SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.   | /                   |          |
| THIELEN, Laura H.   |                     | /        |
| WAKAI, Glenn  |                     | /        |
| SLOM, Sam   |                     | /        |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted  |                     |          |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature:<br>  |                     |          |
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