

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **2523**

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2016

RE: S.B. No. 2245
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 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health,
to which was referred S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BEACHES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to exclude certain locally sourced beach sand from the definition of "water pollutant" as used in chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allow the use of the sand for erosion mitigation on Hawaii's beaches.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawaii Shore and Beach Preservation Association. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Health. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is losing its beaches at an alarming rate due to chronic shoreline retreat and shoreline armoring and that beach erosion is expected to accelerate in the future. Efforts to mitigate beach erosion have been frustrated because sand is currently defined as a water pollutant, despite the fact that sand is a natural occurrence along beaches, stream mouths, and channels. Naturally sourced beach sand should not be considered a pollutant and should be permissible for use when appropriate to help conserve the State's beaches.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2245, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Commerce, Consumer
Protection, and Health,




ROSALYN H. BAKER, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB2245, SD1	WLA/EET, CPH	2-26-14		
<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				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
BAKER, Rosalyn H. (C)	/			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	/			
ESPERO, Will	/			
IHARA, Jr., Les	/			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				/
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				/
SLOM, Sam				/
TOTAL	4			3
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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