

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: H.B. No. 1200
H.D. 1
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Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1200, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PLANS FOR A SWIM AREA IN POHOIKI,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best means to provide a Pohoiki swimming area and develop plans, in cooperation with the United States Army Corps of Engineers, County of Hawaii, and any stakeholders, for a safe swim area.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i. Your Committees received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees find that there is an increasing need for a safe swim area in Pohoiki. The lava inundation of Kalapana has taken away a large portion of formerly accessible shoreline, and left the growing population of Puna with few safe swimming areas. Swimmers are currently accessing the ocean via the Pohoiki boat ramp; having one access for all ocean users, including boaters,

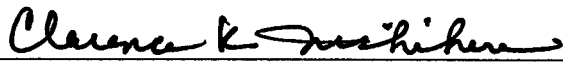


swimmers, divers, surfers, and kayakers, among others, is untenable. Your Committees find that a feasibility study must be completed to find a permanent solution to provide safe ocean access for the people of Puna.

Your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of March 15, 2099, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1200, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1200, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



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