

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1536

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 29, 2017

RE: H.R. No. 122

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.R. No. 122 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COLLABORATE TO CREATE A MECHANISM FOR GENERATING WATER CIRCULATION IN POKAI BAY ON LEEWARD OAHU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to work collaboratively to research and develop a plan for increasing water circulation in Pokai Bay on Oahu's Leeward Coast to improve water quality and mitigate environmental and health risks caused by pollution and contaminants in the water.

Two concerned individuals testified in support of this measure. The DLNR testified in opposition to this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Including the Department of Health (DOH), the City and County of Honolulu (City), and the University of Hawaii (UH) to join the United States Army Corps of Engineers

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and the DLNR to research and develop a plan for increasing water circulation in Pokai Bay;

- (2) Changing the title of the Resolution to include DOH, the City, and UH;
- (3) Requesting the groups to conduct a study of Pokai Bay and the activities running to Pokai Bay to investigate whether there are any land-based sources of marine contaminants or pollutants coming from the land to the ocean; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 122, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 122, H.D. 1.

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


KANIELA ING, Chair



