

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1217

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 12, 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1240

S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 1240, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC LIFE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of
Land and Natural Resources to submit proposed legislation by the
Regular Session of 2019, which sets forth a definition of
"sustainable", a policy for sustainable collection practices of
nearshore aquatic life, and limits on aquatic life collection.

The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, Conservation Council for
Hawaii, Animal Rights Hawaii, Kihei Community Association, For The
Sea Productions, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of
Hawaii, Sustainable Action Fund for the Environment, Snorkel Bob's
Hawaii, Keiko Conservation International, Dolphin Excursions
Hawaii, Inc., We Are One, Inc., Ocean Tourism Coalition, Ho'omana
Pono, LLC., The Humane Society of the United States and Humane
Society International, and numerous individuals testified in
support of this measure. Coral Fish Hawaii, Hawaii Goes Fishing,
and many individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The
Department of Land and Natural Resources, Endangered Habitats
League, Trilogy Excursions, and numerous individuals commented on
this measure.

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Your Committee notes that at the public hearing, a testifier who is a fisherman testified that he would support the bill if it were to be amended so that current fishers can finish out their careers.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Adding language that prohibits the issuance of new aquarium fishing permits and the transfer of existing permits;
- (2) Adding a severability clause; and
- (3) Changing its effective date to December 24, 2088 to encourage further discussion.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1240, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1240, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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

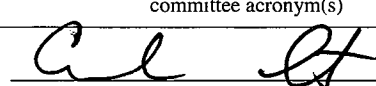

KANIELA ING, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-ninth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: SB1240, SD 2	Committee Referral: OMH, FIN	Date: 3/14/17		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
OMH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ING, Kaniela (C)	✓			
2. GATES, Cedric Asuega (VC)	✓			
3. CREAGAN, Richard P.	✓			
4. DeCOITE, Lynn		✓		
5. LoPRESTI, Matthew S.	✓			
6. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		✓		
7. THIELEN, Cynthia		✓		
TOTAL (7)	4	3		
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____ <div style="text-align: center; font-size: large;">  </div>				
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