

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

844

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 03 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1240
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2017
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary and Labor, to which was referred
S.B. No. 1240, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

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

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Conservation Council for Hawai'i, The Humane Society of
the United States, Humane Society International, Environmental
Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, For the Fishes, Ocean
Tourism Coalition, and one hundred thirty-four individuals. Your
Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from
six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Snorkel Bob's
Hawaii, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that ensuring the sustainability of
aquatic life and the protection of coral reefs in Hawaii waters is
vital to the long-term interests of the people of Hawaii. Your
Committee further finds that it is imperative for the long-term



protection of marine resources to determine what is sustainable and to establish a policy for sustainable collection practices of near shore aquatic life. This measure will provide the necessary data regarding the numbers of various species of aquarium fish in the waters around Oahu and the effects of current collection practices in order to develop appropriate and effective laws to preserve and ensure the sustainability of Hawaii's aquatic life.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to include in its proposed legislation any additional resources required by the Department; and
- (2) Inserting an effective date of January 7, 2059, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary and Labor that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1240, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1240, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary and
Labor,


GILBERT S.C. KEITH-AZARAN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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| Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1240, SDI | Committee Referral: WTL, JDL | Date: 3/2/17 | | |
| <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 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 |
| KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (C) | ✓ | | | |
| RHOADS, Karl (VC) | ✓ | | | |
| GABBARD, Mike | ✓ | | | |
| KIM, Donna Mercado | ✓ | | | |
| THIELEN, Laura H. | ✓ | | | |
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| Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted | | | | |
| Chair's or Designee's Signature: <i>Karl Rhoads</i> | | | | |
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