

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 2017

RE: S.B. No. 623

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.B. No. 623 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the Department of Agriculture to implement an aquaculture development program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association; Blue Ocean Mariculture; Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Kampachi Farms, LLC; Ponoholo Ranch, Limited; Fresh Island Fish Co., Inc.; Island Commodities Company; and six individuals.

Your Committee finds that, according to a 2010 study, approximately sixty-three percent of seafood consumed in Hawaii is imported. Seafood is an important staple in the diets of many Hawaii residents and is often sought after by Hawaii's visitors. Your Committee further finds that production of more local seafood through aquaculture will increase revenues and high-wage and skilled jobs and reduce reliance on imported seafood, while enabling the State to have greater control of product quality and work toward the State's goals of food self-sufficiency and increased local food production.

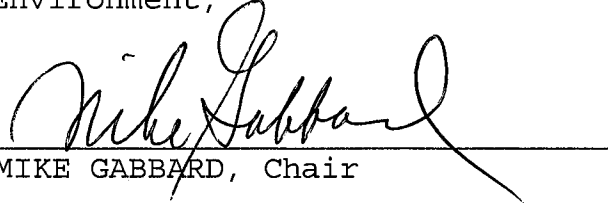
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report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 623 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture and
Environment,




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB623	AEN, WAM	Feb 3, 2017		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	X			
RIVIERE, Gil (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.				X
RHOADS, Karl	X			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.				X
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">  </div>				
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