

Honolulu, Hawaii
February 15, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1723
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1723 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE LIFE PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a working group to identify high priority areas that are in need of marine protection management for potential designation as marine protected areas.

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, Ocean Tourism Coalition, Hui Pono Holoholona, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. The Waialua Boat Club and a few concerned individuals testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Hawaii Seafood Council provided comments on this measure.


Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to December 24, 2088.

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 H.B. No. 1723, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1723, 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



