

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1537-18

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 28 , 2018

RE: H.R. No. 33

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.R. No. 33 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM APPROACHING WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL EXCEPT WHEN PROVIDING AID TO THE HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources to prohibit individuals from approaching within fifty feet of a Hawaiian monk seal unless the individual is a licensed professional who is qualified to provide aid to the Hawaiian monk seal.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Flipper Hug Group, and four individuals supported this measure. Two individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the Department of Land and Natural Resources should work in collaboration with federal agencies to enforce regulations to protect Hawaiian monk seals.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to

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this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 33 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,

*Michelle E. Lowen for*  
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CHRIS LEE, Chair



