

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1133
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1133, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure, as received by your Committee, is to preserve Molokini Shoal by limiting entry into the Molokini Marine Life Conservation District to 41 permits and 20 permitted vessels at any given time.

The County of Maui Council Chair, Ocean Tourism Coalition, Calypso Charters, Trilogy Corporation, Maui Classic Charters, Maui-Molokai Sea Cruises, PacWhale Eco-Adventures, Maui-Molokai Sea Cruises, Kai Kanani Sailing, and several individuals testified in support of this measure. The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i and an individual opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of the Attorney General provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by deleting its contents and inserting provisions that preserve and protect offshore marine life conservation districts by limiting commercial access to 50 percent of commercial permit holders at any time.



Your Committee also made technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1133, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1133, H.D. 2.

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



CHRIS LEE, Chair



