

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1553

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2019

RE: S.B. No. 1459
S.D. 2
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was referred S.B. No. 1459, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SURFING COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish the State Commission on Surfing (Commission) to locally and globally promote the surfing industry and educate people about the cultural and historical significance of surfing and its unique connection to Hawaii.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, World Surf League, Surfrider Foundation's Hawaii Chapters, and two individuals testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Decreasing the number of voting Commission members appointed by the Governor from the community-at-large from four members to three members;
- (2) Adding a voting member designated by the World Surf League to the Commission;

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- (3) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1459, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1459, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Labor & Public
Employment,



AARON LING JOHANSON, Chair



