

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

613

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 15, 2019

RE: H.B. No. 1122
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 Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1122 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAND USE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to responsibly manage and administer the State's wildlife resources by requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to:

- (1) Engage stakeholders with traditional, recreational, and culturally compelling interests;
- (2) Justify closures of game management, wildlife sanctuary, or public hunting areas based on ten years of scientific data; and
- (3) Obtain a positive recommendation from the Game Management Advisory Commission prior to closing game management, wildlife sanctuary, or public hunting areas.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources and The Nature Conservancy Hawai'i submitted testimony in opposition to this measure.

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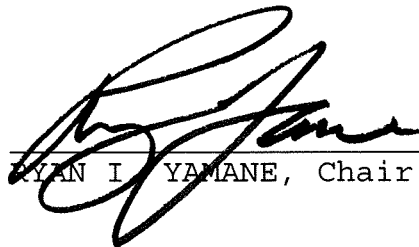


Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Reducing the amount of data that the Department of Land and Natural Resources must use to justify closure of certain wildlife areas to data sets spanning one year;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to notify but not obtain the approval of the Game Management Advisory Commission prior to closing game management, wildlife sanctuary, or public hunting areas;
- (3) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to promote 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 Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1122, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1122, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Hawaiian Affairs,



RYAN I. YAMANE, Chair



