

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1223

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 15 2019

RE: H.B. No. 558
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2019
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 558, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO KEKAHA KAI STATE PARK,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate funds for the establishment of four full-time equivalent permanent ocean safety officers and equipment for use by ocean safety officers at Manini'owali Beach at Kua Bay in the Kekaha Kai State Park on the island of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Tourism Authority, Office of the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i, three members of the Hawai'i County Council, Hawai'i County Fire Commission, Hawai'i State Association of Counties, and Kohala Coast Resort Association.

Your Committee finds that Kua Bay, at Kekaha Kai State Park, between Kona and the resorts of the Kohala Coast on the island of Hawaii, has recently seen an increase in visits by locals and tourists, making Kua Bay one of the most popular beaches in the State. The increase in visitation has been accompanied by an increase in dangerous incidents, injuries, and deaths, which could be mitigated by placement of lifeguards at Kua Bay. Although Kua Bay is under the jurisdiction of the Department of Land and



Natural Resources, the State currently does not employ its own lifeguards at Kua Bay. Your Committee finds that the employment of lifeguards and purchase of necessary equipment at Kua Bay will help to save lives and prevent injury to residents and visitors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 558, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,

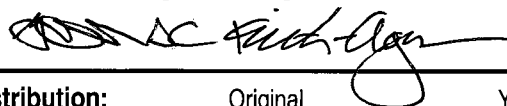


KAIALI'I KAHALE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 558, HD1</i>	<i>WTL, WAM</i>	<i>3/11/19</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311	<input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310		
<input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>			<i>0</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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