

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2536

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 2536 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LAY NETS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the abandonment of lay nets used for fishing;
- (2) Authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to issue permits for the use and possession of lay nets; and
- (3) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a comprehensive, statewide lay net education and enforcement program.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Coral Fish Hawaii, and three individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources regulates lay net fishing through detailed restrictions on net dimensions, mesh size, soak time, time of day, frequency between sets, location, water depth, and inspection requirements. Your Committee further finds that all lay nets are required to be registered with the Department and marked with identification tags



and surface buoys. However, your Committee additionally finds that despite these detailed regulations, which are intended to ensure responsible use of lay nets, the irresponsible use of lay nets continues with adverse impacts to fishery resources and protected species. This measure will make the abandonment of lay nets unlawful, allow the Department of Land and Natural Resources to issue permits for the use of lay nets, and establish a lay net education program which will curb the irresponsible use of lay nets in Hawaii.

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 S.B. No. 2536 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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



KAITALI F. CANELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

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Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
KAHELE, Kaiali'i (C)	/			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)				/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/			
RIVIERE, Gil				/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/			
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Clarence K. Nishihara

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