

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2363

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 06 2020

RE: S.B. No. 2537
S.D. 1

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. 2537 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ACCESS TO PUBLIC PROPERTY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit the obstruction of access to beaches; and
- (2) Create a one hundred dollar penalty for the first conviction of obstructing access to public property.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Coastal Planners, LLC.

Your Committee finds that although public access is protected by state law, development pressure is making it difficult for residents to access beach and shoreline areas. Your Committee further finds that action is necessary to protect public access for the enjoyment of the State's residents and visitors. This measure will provide penalties for the obstruction of access to beaches so that the public may enjoy them.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2033, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 2537, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2537, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means.

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



KAIALII KAHELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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WTL

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 2537	WTL, JDC/WAM	01/29/2020
<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 type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" 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)	/	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)		/
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	/	
RIVIERE, Gil		/
FEVELLA, Kurt	/	
TOTAL	3	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted		
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center;"><i>Clarence K. Nishihara</i></div>		
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