

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2019

RE: S.B. No. 259
S.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 S.B. No. 259 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OFFSHORE DRILLING,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Prohibit offshore drilling for oil or natural gas in state marine waters; and
- (2) Prohibit issuance of permits for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas in any waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Hawaii Advocates For Consumer Rights; We Are One, Inc.; 350Hawaii.org; and seventeen individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and National Caucus of Environmental Legislators.

Your Committee finds that although Hawaii has no proven petroleum or natural gas reserves or production, the State does



produce petroleum products and crude oil is refined within the State. Your Committee further finds that the State is committed to the promotion and development of renewable and sustainable energy. This measure affirms the State's dedication to the reduction of fossil fuel use by prohibiting offshore drilling and the issuance of permits in connection with facilities associated with offshore drilling.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Limiting the prohibition against issuing a permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with offshore drilling for oil or natural gas to within state waters;
- (2) Inserting an effective date of December 31, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) 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. 259, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 259, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

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

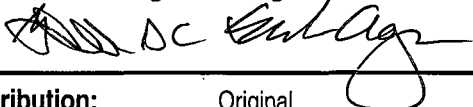


KAIULANI KAHELE, Chair



The Senate
Thirtieth Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 259	WTL, WAM	2/6/2019		
<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)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	X			
RIVIERE, Gil	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt				X
TOTAL	4			1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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