

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 2912

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. 2912 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION COMMERCIAL PERMITS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to issue new ocean recreation commercial permits by public auction.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Ocean Tourism Coalition, Trilogy Corporation, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Department of Land and Natural Resources currently maintains waitlists for the issuance of commercial permits when there is a limit on the number of permits that can be used for a particular area or activity. Over the past several decades, the number of commercial operators requesting to operate in the state waters has increased significantly. This measure would allow for new ocean recreation commercial permits to be issued through public auction, which your Committee finds is the fairest way to issue the limited number of commercial permits.

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. 2912 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,

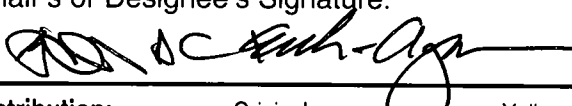


KAIALELE KAMELE, Chair



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Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>SB 2912</i>	<i>WTL, WAM</i>	<i>2/13/2020</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)	<i>X</i>			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	<i>X</i>			
NISHIHARA, Clarence K.	<i>X</i>			
RIVIERE, Gil	<i>X</i>			
FEVELLA, Kurt				<i>X</i>
TOTAL	<i>4</i>			<i>1</i>
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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