

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1241

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 25 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1021
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or a similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition, The Humane Society of the United States, Hawaiian Human Society, Animal Rights Hawai'i, Friends of Hanauma Bay, For the Fishes, Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation, and one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is a multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife related regulation across state lines. According to testimony received by your Committee, forty-eight states have passed legislation necessary to join the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, whereby persons who have had their licenses revoked in one state are prohibited from



engaging in those licensed activities in another state that is part of the compact agreement. Currently, Hawaii is not a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. Your Committee further finds that this measure would enhance Hawaii's ability to protect and manage wildlife resources for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

Your Committee has amended this measure by 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 H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1021, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



