

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 1313
S.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means, to which was referred S.B. No. 1313, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPORT FISH,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require the:

- (1) List of conditionally approved animals for permitted importation into the State to include northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass;
- (2) Department of Agriculture to only issue permits to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for importation of northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass into Hawai'i for breeding and releasing; and
- (3) Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Aquatic Resources to establish a pilot project to restock the Wahiawa public fishing area with northern largemouth bass, butterfly peacock bass, or both.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Freshwater Fishing Association, Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization, and eight individuals. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.



Your Committees find that although freshwater bass have existed in the State's artificial reservoirs since 1896, attempts to import largemouth bass into the State to improve the fishing stock have faced regulatory restrictions. Your Committees further find that adding certain types of bass to the list of conditionally approved animals will allow the enhancement of pre-existing populations of bass for continued recreational fishing.

Your Committees considered testimony from the Department of Agriculture describing the process by which the Department places species onto the list of conditionally approved animals. Your Committees further find that adding types of bass to the list by statutory fiat unduly bypasses the procedures established by the Department.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by:

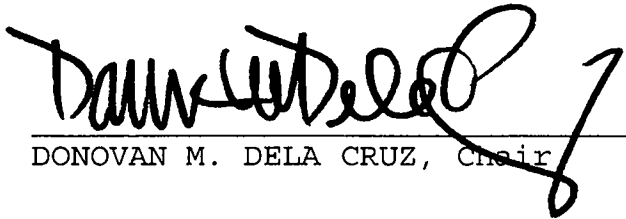
- (1) Removing the statutory requirement that northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass be considered on the list of conditionally approved animals that require a permit for importation into the State;
- (2) Requiring the Department of Agriculture to engage in a review by January 1, 2022, of whether northern largemouth bass should be placed on the list of conditionally approved animals;
- (3) Requiring the Division of Aquatic Resources to establish the restocking pilot program and apply for a permit from the Department of Agriculture to import northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass after they are placed on the list of conditionally approved animals;
- (4) Requiring the Division of Aquatic Resources, Department of Agriculture, and all other relevant boards and divisions, to work together until the restocking pilot program is successfully completed;
- (5) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2021; and



- (6) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Judiciary and Ways and Means that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1313, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1313, S.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Judiciary and
Ways and Means,



DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair

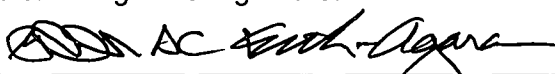


KARL RHOADS, Chair



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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:
SB 1313, SD 1	AEN/WTL, JDC/WAM	2/23/21
<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	
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X	
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X	
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X	
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X	
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X	
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X	
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.	X	
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X	
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.	X	
WAKAI, Glenn		X
FEVELLA, Kurt		X
TOTAL	9	1
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Recommendation:		
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Chair's or Designee's Signature:		
		
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