

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2539

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 18 2022

RE: S.B. No. 2534
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs, to which was referred
S.B. No. 2534 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAII HARBOR OCEAN SAFETY
COMMITTEE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the
Hawaii Harbor Ocean Safety Committee to enhance ocean safety
within all harbors in the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Hawaii Ocean Safety Team, Inc.; American Marine
Corporation; The Maritime Group, LLC; Hawaii Pilots Association;
Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific - Hawaii Region; Sause Bros;
and two individuals. Your Committees received testimony in
opposition to this measure from the Department of Transportation.
Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Ocean
Tourism Coalition.

Your Committees find that because of its isolated island
geography, Hawaii's seaports play a critical role in serving and
supporting every facet of the local economy, including tourism,
construction, national defense, agriculture, and all other
industries. According to testimony from The Maritime Group,



Hawaii is the only major seaport system in the nation that does not have a formally structured harbor safety committee.

Your Committees further find that the Hawaii Harbor Ocean Safety Committee established by this measure would be required to prepare a Harbor Safety Plan, annually update the Plan, and submit annual reports to the Legislature. According to testimony submitted to your Committees, harbor safety plans have been created in many other major port cities in the United States, including Long Beach, Los Angeles, Puget Sound, San Diego, and San Francisco.

However, your Committees recognize the concerns of the Department of Transportation regarding jurisdictional overreach and potential governmental inefficiencies that may result from the enactment of this measure.

Accordingly, your Committees have amended this measure by inserting an effective date of January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Transportation and Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2534, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2534, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committees on Water and Land and Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Transportation
and Public Safety,
Intergovernmental, and Military
Affairs,



CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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<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
NISHIHARA, Clarence K. (C)	✓			
DECOITE, Lynn (VC)	✓			
BAKER, Rosalyn H.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	<i>5</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
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