

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 3251
S.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 3251 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HUNTING GUIDES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that hunting guides obtain written permission from private landowners or other appropriate person before taking their clients to hunt on those private lands; and
- (2) Require hunting guides to provide copies of those written permission documents to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Cattlemen's Council, Inc.; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and four individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that guided hunting tours assist in the management of game populations, provide a living wage for hunting guides, and support Hawaii's economy. As the popularity of guided hunting tours have increased, some irresponsible hunting guides have guided their clients to hunt on private lands without the



permission of landowners, who have witnessed unknown individuals walking on their land with guns or other weapons. While current law requires hunters to obtain permission to hunt on private land, hunting guides often lie to clients, leading to disagreements, allegations of trespassing, and damage to the guided hunting tour industry. To address systemic issues regarding hunting on private properties, this measure requires hunting guides to obtain written permission prior to hunts on private land and provide copies of the written permission to the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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. 3251, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3251, 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. INOUYE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 3251	Committee Referral: WTL, JDC	Date: 2/11/22		
<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
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	✓			
MISALUCHA, Bennette E.	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	5			
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes