STAND. COM. REP. NO.

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 0 4 2021

RE: S.B. No. 347 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 Judiciary, to which was referred S.B. No. 347, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO LITTER CONTROL,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the intentional release of balloons inflated with a gas that is lighter than air.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition, The Humane Society of the United States, Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawai'i, and four individuals.

Your Committee finds that the release of balloons inflated with lighter-than-air gases poses a danger and nuisance to the environment, particularly to wildlife and marine animals. Many animals are attracted to the bright colors of balloons and mistake them for food, which can cause an animal severe injury or death. Animals are often found entangled in balloon strings and as a result are injured or strangled to death.

Your Committee notes that there are other ecologically friendly options besides balloon releases, to celebrate or commemorate events. Therefore, your Committee finds that to promote the safety of wildlife and marine animals and protect the

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environment, the intentional release of balloons filled with lighter-than-air gas should be prohibited, except under certain circumstances.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 347, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

> Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Judiciary,

KARL RHOADS, Chair

The Senate Thirty-First Legislature State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes Committee on Judiciary JDC

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SB 347 SD1	AEN, JOC		C	02/24/2021	
The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)		٧			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett (VC)		>			
ACASIO, Laura		√			
GABBARD, Mike		V			
KIM, Donna Mercado	-	V			
LEE, Chris		V			
FEVELLA, Kurt		-			
					
TOTAL		7	0	0	0
Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted					
Chair's or Designee's Signature: Kallbook					
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