

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1073-22

Honolulu, Hawaii
MAR 16, 2022

RE: S.B. No. 573
S.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2022
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 573, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO WILDLIFE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require all habitat conservation plans to include an agreement for plan participants to enter into and maintain an annual service contract with a stand-by and response facility available to provide emergency medical and rehabilitation services to native wildlife affected by activities undertaken within the plan area.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, one member of the Hawai'i County Council, Hawai'i Wildlife Center, Center for Biological Diversity, Save Our Shearwaters, and thirteen individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that providing emergency medical and rehabilitative services to native wildlife that have been affected by activities within a habitat conservation plan area is critical to protecting the State's native and endangered wildlife.

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As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 573, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



