

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

637

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 1268

H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1268, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to contract with an independent consultant for the development of a statewide strategic five-year plan for aquaculture.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Aquaculture Planning and Advocacy, Hawaii Aquaculture & Aquaponics Association, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, EcoponicX, and two individuals.

Your Committee finds that since 2021, Hawaii Sea Grant has been facilitating a Hawaii Aquaculture Collaborative, an industry-led partnership whose aim is to facilitate collaborations between aquaculture industry leaders and aquaculture-relevant state, public, and nonprofit agencies to strengthen and grow aquaculture in the State. The Collaborative has identified the development of a five-year statewide strategic plan for the industry as one of several priority areas to strengthen and grow aquaculture in the State. This measure intends to support aquaculture in the State to increase the State's economic resilience and food security


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through the development of a statewide strategic five-year plan for aquaculture.

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 H.B. No. 1268, H.D. 1, and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



