

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1587

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24, 2023

RE: S.B. No. 1153
S.D. 2
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 S.B. No. 1153, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HONOLUA BAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to support the conservation of Honolua Bay on the island of Maui by:

- (1) Establishing a Honolua Bay Advisory Board to administer the Honolua Bay Special Fund and oversee the conservation of Honolua Bay;
- (2) Establishing the Honolua Bay Special Fund for conservation purposes and for the upkeep and maintenance of Lipoa Point; and
- (3) Requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create, maintain, and operate an online reservation system to limit public access to Honolua Bay or include and incorporate Honolua Bay into any online reservation system used by the Division of State Parks.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui and two

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individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Ocean Tourism Coalition, Sea Maui, Hula Girl Sailing, Gemini Sailing Charters, Quicksilver Charters, Trilogy Excursions, Teralani Sailing Adventures, and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Budget and Finance; Kapalua Kai Sailing, Inc.; and Crystal Seahorse, Ltd.

Your Committee finds that Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point are important natural areas on the island of Maui and must be preserved for future generations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the:
 - (A) Honolua Bay Advisory Board;
 - (B) Honolua Bay Special Fund; and
 - (C) Requirement that the Department of Land and Natural Resources create, maintain, and operate an online reservation system to limit public access to Honolua Bay or include and incorporate Honolua Bay into any online reservation system used by the Division of State Parks;
- (2) Directing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point Subaccount within the Special Land and Development Fund under section 171-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to hold all funds appropriated specifically for Honolua Bay and Lipoa Point;
- (3) Changing its effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it choose to deliberate on this measure, to consider making appropriations:



- (1) For two additional full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement officers for Maui;
- (2) In the amount of \$270,000 for equipment for the two additional full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions for Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement officers for Maui;
- (3) For one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for the Division of State Parks;
- (4) For one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) position for the Division of Forestry and Wildlife;
- (5) For additional costs for equipment and vehicles to equip these new positions; and
- (6) Due to the remote location of this parcel of property, for a small departmental base yard for the secure storage of equipment.

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. 1153, S.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1153, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



