

Honolulu, Hawaii , 2024

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RE: H.B. No. 2478
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2024
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2478 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE PACIFIC MARINE FISHERIES COMPACT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission is an interstate compact agency that helps state resource management agencies and the fishing industry sustainably manage Pacific Ocean resources. This measure will facilitate improved management of state and regional marine fishery resources through increased collaboration with other Pacific states.


Your Committee has amended this measure by:



- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

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. 2478, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

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


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



