

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3736**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 05 2024**

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

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2024  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Governor to execute a compact on behalf of the State to cooperate in the Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC); and
- (2) Establish procedures for selection and succession of commissioners.

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

Your Committee finds that the PSMFC is an interstate compact agency that provides a forum to discuss interstate fisheries resources management; coordinates research and management projects related to interstate fisheries and makes this data available to the public; and disperses federal fishery disaster funds. According to testimony received by your Committee, membership to the PSMFC would not only facilitate improved management of state



and regional marine fishery resources, but also increase access to other fisheries' scientists and managers with expertise in matters that the State currently lacks and potentially open avenues for federal funding to enhance the management of Hawaii-based fishery projects. This measure will provide greater resources for the State's natural resource management agencies and its fishing industry to sustainably manage its aquatic resources.

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 H.B. No. 2478, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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



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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.  
 If so, then the previous decision was to: \_\_\_\_\_

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312     
  Pass, with amendments 2311     
  Hold 2310     
  Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	✓			
SAN BUENAVENTURA, Joy A.	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	—	—	1

Recommendation:  Adopted       Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:  


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