

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2575
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 S.B. No. 2575, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to prohibit the:

- (1) Mining, extraction, and removal of minerals from the seabed in all state marine waters, with certain exemptions; and
- (2) Issuance of any permit for or in connection with the development or operation of any facility or infrastructure associated with the mining, extraction, or removal of minerals from the seabed within state marine waters.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Health; Fair Wind Cruises; Sierra Club of Hawai'i; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Benioff Ocean Science Laboratory; Sustainable Ocean Alliance Hawai'i; Parley for the Oceans, Hawai'i; Hawai'i Youth Climate Coalition; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Kauai Women's Caucus; Mālama Pūpūkea-Waimea; Sustainable Coastlines Hawai'i; Deep Sea Mining Campaign; National Parks Conservation Association; Oceanic Preservation Society; Rev




Ocean; Blue Climate Initiative; Tetiaroa Society; FutureSwell; The Marine Mammal Center; Marine Conservation Institute; HULIPAC; Te Ipukarea Society; Greenpeace USA; Greenpeace Hawaii; Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawai'i; Green Party of Hawai'i; 350Hawaii.org; Big Island Reef Keepers Hui; Americans for Democratic Action; Friends of Hanauma Bay; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i; The Nature Conservancy; Hawaii's Thousand Friends; Surfrider Foundation, Hawai'i Region; The Ocean Foundation; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that this measure is a forward-thinking and proactive response that prohibits seabed mineral extraction in the State's ocean waters.

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. 2575, 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



Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: VB2575 HD1	Committee Referral: EEP, WAL, FIN	Date: 3/19/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ICHIYAMA, Linda (C)	/			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)	/			
3. CHUN, Cory M.	/			
4. GANADEN, Sonny	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. MIZUNO, May Besario	/			
7. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg				/
9. SOUZA, Kanani	/			
TOTAL (9)	9	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <i>Linda Ichizawa</i>				
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