

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3468

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 03 2024

RE: S.C.R. No. 122
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 Water and Land, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 122 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE NATIONAL OCEANIC
AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER EXPERTS TO CONDUCT A
STUDY ON THE POPULATION STATUS OF DEPLETED CORAL REEF
HERBIVORES AROUND THE ISLAND OF OAHU AND DEVELOP EFFECTIVE
ALTERNATIVE POLICIES FOR SUBSTANTIALLY REPLENISHING THOSE
POPULATIONS WITHIN A DECADE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Land and Natural Resources to work with the National
Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other experts to
conduct a study on the population status of depleted coral reef
herbivores around the island of Oahu and develop effective
alternative policies for substantially replenishing those
populations within a decade.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Hawai'i Reef and
Ocean Coalition, Friends of Hanauma Bay, The Nature Conservancy,
Restore the Commons, Global March for Elephants and Rhinos,
Oceanic Preservation Society, and twenty-two individuals.



Your Committee received comments on this measure from For the Fishes.

Your Committee finds that coral reefs are fundamental to the fabric of local communities, providing a source of food, materials, and traditional activities, in addition to ecological and economic benefits. The maintenance and recovery of coral reefs requires an abundant and diverse population of coral reef herbivores. The population of these fish around the island of Oahu is five percent below its potential. Your Committee recognizes the importance of herbivorous reef fish to the health of coral reef ecosystems and finds that a study on the population status of various herbivore fish species will help increase the population of these species around the island of Oahu.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 122, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 122, S.D. 1.


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


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Second Legislature
State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
Committee on Water and Land
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SCR 122	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 2/25/24		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes