

STAND. COM. REP. NO. **3432**

Honolulu, Hawaii

**APR 03 2024**

RE: S.C.R. No. 67

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Agriculture and Environment, to which was referred S.C.R. No. 67 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE LEGISLATURE TO PRESERVE, PROTECT, AND RESTORE LIMU KALA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the Legislature to preserve, protect, and restore limu kala to the full extent of its capability.

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

Your Committee finds that the Legislature recognized the critical role of limu kala in Hawaii's nearshore ecosystems and Native Hawaiian history and culture through the passage of Act 230, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, which designated limu kala as the state limu of Hawaii. However, populations of this endemic species of limu have been severely damaged by the ongoing effects of climate change, development, and runoff. This measure seeks to further support healthy reefs and nearshore ecosystems in the State by urging the protection and restoration of limu kala populations.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture and Environment that is attached to this



report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 67 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

  
MIKE GABBARD, Chair



The Senate  
 Thirty-Second Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <i>SCR 67</i>	Committee Referral: <i>AEN</i>	Date: <i>3/25/24</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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>

Recommendation:       Adopted       Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: *Karl Rhoads*

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