

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 3329

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2024

RE: H.B. No. 2626
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 Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO FISHPONDS,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to specify certain findings the Board of Land and Natural Resources must make for a lease of a government-owned Hawaiian fishpond.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Office of the Mayor of the County of Maui; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Green Party Hawai'i; Hawai'i Food+ Policy; The Nature Conservancy; Maunaloa Fishpond Heritage Center; Hawai'i Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition, Inc.; Hawai'i Land Trust; and forty-five individuals.

Your Committees received comments on this measure from one individual.

Your Committees find that traditional Hawaiian fishponds, or loko i'a, are culturally important and may be a potential solution to enhancing the food security of communities in Hawaii. This measure streamlines the process for the lease of government-owned



fishponds, ensuring that traditional fishponds will be restored, cared for, and productive.

Your Committees have amended this measure by making it effective upon its approval.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2626, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Water and Land and Hawaiian Affairs,



MAILE S.L. SHIMABUKURO, Chair

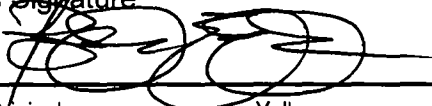


LORRAINE R. INOUE, Chair



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<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
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.				✓
FEVELLA, Kurt	✓			
TOTAL	3	0	0	2
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L. (C)	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt (VC)	X			
IHARA, Jr., Les	X			
KEOHOKALOLE, Jarrett	X			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim"	X			
TOTAL	5			

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

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