

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 14 2024**

RE: S.B. No. 2167  
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.B. No. 2167 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to appropriate additional operational funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the protection, management, and restoration of the State's natural resources.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition; Climate Protectors Hawaii; Kingdom Pathways; Care for 'Āina Now Coalition; Hawai'i Forest Industry Association; Surfrider Foundation, Maui Chapter; Hyperspective Studios, Inc.; and fourteen individuals.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's natural resources are the State's lifeblood, providing the essentials for the community to thrive and the foundation for Hawaii's economy. Investments in the protection of natural resources, including wetlands and coral reefs, can enhance the resilience of communities to natural disasters as natural buffers, saving lives and reducing the financial burden. This measure will allow the State to take a proactive approach to save lives, prevent natural disasters such



as wildfires, and mitigate costs due to disaster response and recovery efforts.

Your Committee has amended this measure by inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2167, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2167, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.


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**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 2167</b>	Committee Referral: <b>WTL, WAM</b>	Date: <b>02/09/2024</b>		
<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	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	5	∅	∅	∅
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**