

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

265p

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 16 2024

RE: S.B. No. 2183
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. 2183 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO RESTORATION OF BEACH LANDS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to amend the definition of "beach restoration" used in laws governing the Board of Land and Natural Resources' powers to engage in beach restoration to include activities undertaken to:

- (1) Improve eroded beaches and degraded dune systems; and
- (2) Remove abandoned and remnant manmade materials that pose a risk to the health of the public and ecosystem.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Office of Planning and Sustainable Development.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from two individuals.

Your Committee finds that sea level rise poses a serious and imminent threat to Hawaii's coastal communities and residents and Hawaii's natural resources, primarily beaches and coastal ecosystems. The State has an affirmative duty to preserve beaches



as a public trust resource for the people of Hawaii, and beaches are culturally important and provide natural resilience to sea level rise and associated coastal flooding. This measure will help to preserve Hawaii's beaches and coastal systems by expanding the types of activities the State recognizes as restorative and beneficial to beaches.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying the definition of "beach restoration" to include:
 - (A) The management and restoration of sand and native dune vegetation; and
 - (B) The removal of materials abandoned on beaches and dunes that pose a risk to public health and coastal ecosystems; and
- (2) 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. 2183, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2183, 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
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 2183	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 02/14/24		
<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	5	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; margin-top: 10px;"> </div>				
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