

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 413

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17 2023

RE: S.B. No. 518  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Thirty-Second State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2023  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education, to which was referred S.B. No. 518 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

beg leave to report as follows:

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The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds for the University of Hawaii Sea Grant Program to contract with an independent consultant to establish a five-year plan to develop goals, objectives, and an operational plan with budgets and timelines to strengthen and grow the aquaculture industry in the State.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Kohala Mountain Fish Company, Hawai'i Farm Bureau, Aquaculture Planning and Advocacy, HIplan, Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association, and one individual. Your Committees received comments on this measure from the Department of the Attorney General.

Your Committees find that supporting local aquaculture can help the State attain greater food security. Your Committees further find that aquaculture in Hawaii is the fastest growing industry in the agricultural sector with substantial future growth potential. This measure requires the University of Hawai'i Sea



Grant College Program to develop a statewide strategic five-year plan for the aquaculture industry with an independent consultant and provides appropriations for this purpose.

Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting legislative findings that the development of the aquaculture industry in Hawaii is of statewide concern, as recommended by the Department of the Attorney General, to clarify that the legislature is exercising its power to enact laws of statewide concern, rather than the University of Hawaii in particular; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Agriculture and Environment and Higher Education that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 518, as amended herein, and recommend that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 518, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committees on Agriculture and  
Environment and Higher  
Education,



DONNA MERCADO KIM, Chair




MIKE GABBARD, Chair



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**Committee on Agriculture and Environment**  
**AEN**

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SB518	AEN/HRE, WAM	02-14-23		
<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
GABBARD, Mike (C)	✓			
RICHARDS, III, Herbert M. "Tim" (VC)				✓
DECOITE, Lynn	✓			
RHOADS, Karl	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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**HRE**

Bill / Resolution No.:* <b>SB 518</b>	Committee Referral: <b>AEN/HRE, WAM</b>	Date: <b>2/14/23</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
KIM, Donna Mercado (C)	✓			
KIDANI, Michelle N. (VC)	✓			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				✓
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>2</b>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: <div style="text-align:center; font-family: cursive; font-size: 1.2em;">Michelle N. Kidani</div>				
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