

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1093

Honolulu, Hawaii

**FEB 28**, 2025

RE: H.B. No. 1137  
H.D. 2

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1137, H.D. 1, entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to amend the definition of "beach restoration" to expand the types of activities the State recognizes as restorative and beneficial to beach lands in response to sea level rise and beach loss.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; University of Hawai'i Sea Grant College Program; School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology's Climate Resilience Collaborative at the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa; Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association; Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i Region; Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii; Free Access Coalition; and numerous individuals.

Your Committee finds that expanding the definition of "beach restoration" allows for a wider range of nature-based activities, such as dune restoration and removal of derelict structures, to be supported through the beach restoration program. This broadens opportunities for community involvement and strengthens efforts to enhance shoreline resilience and public trust.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1137, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1137, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Judiciary &  
Hawaiian Affairs,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David Tarnas". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Tarnas" clearly distinguishable.

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DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1137 HD 1		Committee Referral: WAL, JHA		Date: 02/27/2025	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
JHA Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)		✓			
2. POEPOE, Mahina (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓			
4. COCHRAN, Elle					✓
5. HASHEM, Mark J.		✓			
6. KAHALOA, Kirstin		✓			
7. PERRUSO, Amy A.		✓			
8. TAKAYAMA, Gregg		✓			
9. TODD, Chris		✓			
10. GARCIA, Diamond		✓			
11. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓			
TOTAL (11)		10	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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