

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

765

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 11 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 345  
H.D. 1

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

Madame:

Your Committee on Culture & Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 345 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SHRIMP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to designate the 'ōpae 'ula as the state shrimp to help protect the anchialine pool ecosystems in the State.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii; Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action; Hawai'i Ocean Legislative Task Force; Hawai'i Wildlife Fund; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Pacific Whale Foundation; and numerous individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition.

Your Committee finds that 'ōpae 'ula are an endemic species found in abundance in healthy anchialine pools in the State. Your Committee also finds that anchialine pools are considered culturally sacred and should be protected. Your Committee believes that this measure will raise awareness of the protection efforts of anchialine pools by designating 'ōpae 'ula as the state shrimp.

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Your Committee amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making a technical, nonsubstantive amendment for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Culture & Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 345, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 345, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Culture & Arts,

  
JEANNE KAEULA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Thirty-third Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Culture & Arts

<b>Bill/Resolution No.:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">HB 345</div>	<b>Committee Referral:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">CAA, JHA</div>	<b>Date:</b> <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">2/5/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
<b>The recommendation is to:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is)           </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD)           </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold           </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)         </div>				
CAA Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAPELA, Jeanne (C)	/			
2. KONG, Sam Satoru (VC)	/			
3. GARRETT, Andrew Takuya	/			
4. LEE, Mike	/			
5. SAYAMA, Jackson D.	/			
6. REYES ODA, Julie				/
TOTAL (6)	5			1
<b>The recommendation is:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted           </div> <div style="width: 30%;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted           </div> </div> <div style="margin-top: 5px;">             If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.  <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 0.8em;">committee acronym(s)</div> </div>				
<b>Vice Chair's or designee's signature:</b> <u>Samuel S. Kay</u>				
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