

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 16 2025

RE: H.C.R. No. 122
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1, entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A COLLABORATIVE
WORKING GROUP TO SURVEY, IDENTIFY, AND MONITOR CULTURALLY
SENSITIVE SHORELINES IMPACTED BY EROSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a
collaborative working group to survey, identify, and monitor
culturally sensitive shorelines impacted by erosion.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that Native Hawaiian iwi kupuna were
historically interred along sandy shoreline areas which are now
increasingly threatened by coastal erosion. Your Committee
further finds that iwi discovered via shoreline erosion are
frequently located in the high-water mark, making it difficult to
preserve them in place. Iwi found in shoreline areas also fall
under the jurisdiction of the State, complicating quick
reinterment efforts within the immediate vicinity due to the need
for permission from adjacent properties. Your Committee also
finds that an inter-division program to coordinate efforts among



state and county agencies is necessary to ensure the protection and restoration of Native Hawaiian burial sites and iwi kupuna affected by coastal erosion. Accordingly, this measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a collaborative working group to survey, identify, and monitor culturally sensitive shorelines impacted by erosion and provide proper care for the iwi.

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 concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 122, H.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,


LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">HCR 122, HDI</div>	Committee Referral: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">WTL</div>	Date: <div style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">4/11/25</div>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-start;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313 </div> </div>				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley				✓
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
DECORTE, Samantha	✓			
TOTAL	4	0	0	1
Recommendation: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 5px;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted </div>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
Distribution: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original File with Committee Report </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow Clerk's Office </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Pink Drafting Agency </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Goldenrod Committee File Copy </div> </div>				

*Only one measure per Record of Votes