STAND. COM. REP. NO. 368

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 12 2025

RE: S.B. No. 1456

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 S.B. No. 1456 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 to expand the types of activities the State recognizes as restorative and beneficial to beach lands in response to the increasing threat of 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 System, Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i Region, and Waikīkī Beach Special Improvement District Association.

Your Committee finds that sea level rise poses a serious and imminent threat to the State's coastal communities and natural resources, primarily beaches and coastal ecosystems. Your Committee further finds that existing law does not recognize certain beneficial projects as beach restoration. Accordingly, this measure recognizes other types of activities as restorative and beneficial to beach lands to support proactive and ongoing care for the State's beaches.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your



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Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1456 and recommends that it pass Second Reading 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. INOVYE, Chair



The Senate Thirty-Third Legislature State of Hawaiʻi

Record of Votes Committee on Water and Land WTL

	Committee Referral: Date:				
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.					
If so, then the previous decision was to:					
The Recommendation is:					
Pass, unamended Pass, with amendments Hold Recommit 2312 2311 2310 2313					
Members		Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)		V			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)			_		
CHANG, Stanley		v			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.		 ✓ 			
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