

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 28 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 Ways and Means, 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 expand the types
of activities the State recognizes as restorative and beneficial
to beach lands.

Specifically, the measure amends the definition of the term
"beach restoration," as used in applicable statutory law relating
to the restoration of beach lands, to mean activity undertaken to:

- (1) Maintain and improve beaches and dune systems through
management of sand and native dune vegetation;
- (2) Place sand on an eroded beach from an approved outside
or adjacent source, with or without stabilizing
structures; or
- (3) Remove abandoned remnant materials from beaches and
dunes that pose a risk to public health and coastal
ecosystems.

Your Committee received written comments in support of this
measure from the University of Hawaii System, Department of Land
and Natural Resources, Waikiki Beach Special Improvement District



Association, Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii, Free Access Coalition, and numerous individuals.

Your Committee recognizes the dire threat that sea level rise poses to the State's coastal communities, coastal ecosystems, natural resources, and beaches. Your Committee believes that this measure appropriately revises applicable law to help ensure the continued care of the State's beaches in the face of this threat.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1456 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
Thirty-Third Legislature
State of Hawai'i

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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB1456	Committee Referral: WTL, WAM	Date: 2-27-25		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y. (VC)	X			
AQUINO, Henry J.C.	X			
DECOITE, Lynn	X			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.	X			
HASHIMOTO, Troy N.	X			
INOUE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
KIM, Donna Mercado	X			
LEE, Chris	X			
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	13	0	0	0
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
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