

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1430

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 01 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 119
S.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
S.C.R. No. 119 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A KAILUA BAY ADVISORY
WORKING GROUP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the
Department of Land and Natural Resources to convene a Kailua Bay
Advisory Working Group.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one individual.

Your Committee received comments on this measure from the
Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Tourism
Authority.

Your Committee finds the Kailua-Kona Wharf, commonly referred
to as the Kailua Pier, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii island, serves as a
vital hub for place-based cultural history, community gatherings,
ocean-based tourism, and recreational activities which supports
local businesses and enhances the economy of West Hawaii. Your
Committee further finds that Kailua Pier, and the surrounding area
of Kailua Bay, holds deep cultural and historical significance and
serves as a key arrival point for cruise ships that bring



thousands of visitors to West Hawaii annually, fostering both economic growth and cultural preservation. Your Committee also finds that the high level of activity at Kailua Pier has resulted in persistent challenges related to homelessness, creating ongoing safety and sanitation concerns for visitors. While maintenance is necessary for public safety, environmental protection, and the long-term benefit of the community, persistent vandalism and damage to the facilities at Kailua Pier have led to rising maintenance costs, disruptions to public access, and the need for continuous repairs by state and county agencies. Your Committee additionally finds that the management and operations of Kailua Pier fall under the jurisdiction of multiple entities, including federal, state, county, and local nonprofit organizations. This measure will establish a Kailua Bay Advisory Working Group, to adopt an interjurisdictional approach to address the challenges at Kailua Pier which will foster coordinated oversight and effective management among responsible authorities.

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

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 S.C.R. No. 119, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 119, S.D. 1.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



Record of Votes
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