

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

JAN 31 , 2025

RE: H.B. No. 47
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 Agriculture & Food Systems, to which was referred H.B. No. 47 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Authorize the Division of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture to adopt, amend, and repeal rules to develop an assessment and approval process to import and move aquatic livestock in the State; and
- (2) Require and appropriate funds for the Division of Animal Industry to develop that process through a biological aquatic risk-based framework.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Agriculture; Agribusiness Development Corporation; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and Hawaii Aquaculture and Aquaponics Association.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii's aquaculture industry makes significant contributions to the State's economy in diversified agriculture. By allocating resources toward the development of regulatory frameworks that prioritize sustainability and

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biosecurity, this measure ensures the protection of the State's local communities and natural resources while promoting growth in local aquaculture.

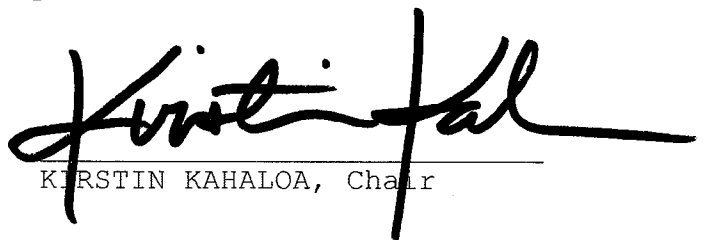
Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the appropriation to an unspecified amount;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

Your Committee respectfully requests your Committee on Finance, should it deliberate on this measure, to consider an appropriation amount of \$1,000,000.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 47, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 47, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

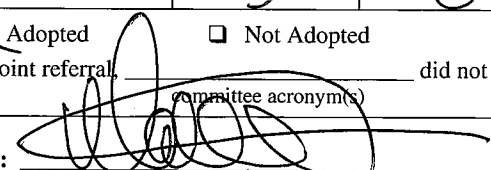
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Agriculture & Food
Systems,



KIRSTIN KAHALOA, Chair



Record of Votes of the Committee on Agriculture & Food Systems

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<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
AGR Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. KAHALOA, Kirstin (C)	X			
2. KUSCH, Matthias (VC)	X			
3. LOWEN, Nicole E.	X			
4. PERRUSO, Amy A.	X			
5. QUINLAN, Sean	X			
6. WARD, Gene				X
TOTAL (6)	5	0	0	1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>(committee acronym(s))</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: 				
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