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Date: Feb. 16, 2021

To: Chair Rep. David A. Tarnas  
Vice Chair Rep. Patrick Pihana Branco  
and Members of the Committee on Water & Land

Submitted By: Stephanie Kendrick, Public Policy Advocate  
Hawaiian Humane Society, 808-356-2217

RE: Testimony in support of HB 1021:  
Relating to the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact  
Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021, 8:30 a.m., Capitol Conference Room 430

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Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Hawaiian Humane Society, thank you for considering our support for House Bill 1021, which authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws.

The Hawaiian Humane Society advocates for the humane treatment of all animals, including wildlife. Hawaii authorities charged with enforcing wildlife-related regulations should have access to information about individuals convicted of violating these rules in other states so they can bar them from similar activities in Hawaii. HB 1021 would bring Hawaii in line with 48 other states that have joined together to enforce protections for wild animals.

Please pass HB 1021 to strengthen the enforcement of wildlife regulations across jurisdictions.

Mahalo for your consideration and let me know if I can be of assistance.

**HB-1021**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 4:55:40 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/18/2021 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition	Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition	Support	No

Comments:

To: The Honorable Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair,

The Honorable Representative Patrick Pihana Branco, Vice Chair, and Members of the House Committee on Water and Land

From: HAWAI'I REEF AND OCEAN COALITION – HIROC (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing HB1021 RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

**Hearing Date:** [Thursday, February 18, 2021, 8:30 am](#), videoconference

**Position: SUPPORT FOR HB1021**

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco, and Water and Land Committee members:

The HAWAI'I REEF AND OCEAN COALITION – HIROC – was formed in 2017 by coral reef scientists, educators, local Hawaii environmental organizations, elected officials, and others to address the crisis facing Hawaii's coral reefs and other marine life. **HIROC supports HB1021.**

This bill would enable Hawaii to join 48 other states by passing legislation authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws. The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is a multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife related regulation across state lines, whereby persons who have had their licenses revoked in one state are prohibited from engaging in those licensed activities in another state that is part of the compact agreement. Currently, Hawaii is not a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. This measure would enhance Hawaii's ability to protect and manage wildlife resources, including marine resources, for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

Please pass this bill!

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this bill.

Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition (by Ted Bohlen)

**HB-1021**

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 7:14:40 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/18/2021 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lisa Bishop	Friends of Hanauma Bay	Support	No

Comments:

To: The House Committee on Water and Land

Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair,

Representative Patrick Branco, Vice Chair

From: Friends of Hanauma Bay

Re: HB1021 RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT

Hearing Date: Thursday, February 18, 2021, 8:30 am, videoconference

Position: SUPPORT FOR HB1021

Aloha Chair Tarnas, Vice Chair Branco, and Water and Land Committee Members,

Friends of Hanauma Bay supports HB1021 that would enable Hawaii to join 48 other states by passing legislation authorizing the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws.

The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is a multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife related regulation across state lines, whereby persons who have had their licenses revoked in one state are prohibited from engaging in those licensed activities in another state that is part of the compact agreement. Currently, Hawaii is not a member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

This long-needed measure would enhance Hawaii's ability to protect and manage wildlife resources, including marine resources, for the benefit of all current and future residents and visitors.

We urge you to pass HB1021, and mahalo for the opportunity to testify in its support.

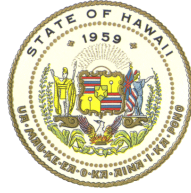
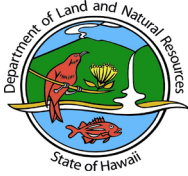
Respectfully.

Lisa Bishop

President

Friends of Hanauma Bay

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
WATER & LAND**

**Thursday, February 18, 2021  
8:30 AM**

**State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 430**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1021  
RELATING TO THE INTERSTATE WILDLIFE VIOLATOR COMPACT**

House Bill 1021 proposes to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to enter into the interstate wildlife violator compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws. **The Department strongly supports this Administration measure.**

The protection of the wildlife resources of the state is materially affected by the degree of compliance with state statutes, laws, regulations, ordinances, and administrative rules relating to the management of such resources. Violation of wildlife laws interferes with the management of wildlife resources and may endanger the safety of persons and property.

The Wildlife Violator Compact includes a reciprocal recognition of license privilege suspension by member states, thus any person whose license privileges are suspended in a member state would also be suspended in Hawaii. Wildlife law violators will be held accountable due to the fact their illegal activities in one state can affect their privileges in all participating states. This cooperative interstate effort will enhance the State of Hawaii's ability to protect and manage wildlife resources for the benefit of all residents and visitors.

Implementation of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact in Hawaii would involve the cooperation and coordination of three divisions within the Department: Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement, Division of Aquatic Resources, and Division of Forestry and Wildlife, as well as input from other stakeholders. A nominal fee of \$500.00 annually is necessary to establish and maintain the system. Staff time to input or extract data is dependent on the number of qualifying violations.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

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February 18, 2021, 830am

**TO:** Honorable Chair Tarnas and House Water and Land Committee members

**SUBMITTED BY:** Inga Gibson, Policy Consultant, For the Fishes  
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**RE: SUPPORT for HB1021; Interstate Wildlife Violators Compact**

For the Fishes respectfully urges your **support of HB1021** which would allow DLNR, who supports this measure, to become a member of the national law enforcement network known as the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

47 states are currently members of this Compact. The Compact is an agreement between states to gain further compliance with wildlife related laws, ordinances, and regulations of participating states, while providing for the fair and impartial treatment of wildlife violators.

Membership in the Compact is free to member states and, according to existing member states, has little to no fiscal impact (estimated 10 hours per month of existing staff time entering information into the national database).

Wildlife officials estimate that nationally tens of millions of animals are poached each year. Poaching is a serious problem and far more often than not, poaching activity remains undetected and poachers go unpunished for their crimes. In fact, it is estimated that despite the tireless efforts of wildlife protection officers, a mere one to five percent of poachers are ever apprehended by law enforcement.

Crimes that may be recorded and accessed via the IWVC database include but are not limited to the following: Illegal take or possession of big game, Illegal take or possession of threatened or endangered species, Felony wildlife violations, License violations, fraud, false statement, Waste of wildlife, Accumulated wildlife violations, Violations while on revocation, Sale/purchase of prohibited wildlife, Illegal take or possession of small game or migratory birds and Federal Wildlife Violations.

Modeled after the equally successful Driver's License Compact, the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact was first developed back in the early 1990s. If enacted in Hawaii, it would prevent wildlife violators who have lost their wildlife related privileges in member states from coming to Hawaii to circumvent those license revocations. Enacting the compact would also ensure that those who have been punished with license revocations for illegal wildlife acts in Hawaii can't avoid their punishment by engaging in those activities in another member state.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.