

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 29 2011 , 2011

RE: S.B. No. 1511  
S.D. 1  
H.D. 2  
C.D. 1

Honorable Shan S. Tsutsui  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2011  
State of Hawaii

Sirs:

Your Committee on Conference on the disagreeing vote of the Senate to the amendments proposed by the House of Representatives in S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUACULTURE,"

having met, and after full and free discussion, has agreed to recommend and does recommend to the respective Houses the final passage of this bill in an amended form..

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Increase the maximum lease term for aquaculture operations from thirty-five to sixty-five years;
- (2) Authorize the Department of Transportation to designate certain public lands to be used for aquaculture and to enter into agreements with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture to dispose of the designated lands; and



- (3) Authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources to exercise any power granted to it over the public lands designated for aquaculture by the Department of Transportation.

Your Committee on Conference finds that aquaculture leases currently have a statutory limit of thirty-five years with no option for renewal. Your Committee on Conference further finds that often times, project financing and private-sector loans require applicants to have longer terms than those allowed under the current statutes. Increasing aquaculture lease terms to sixty-five years and allowing aquaculture lessees who are in good standing to renew their leases encourage greater commercial aquaculture production in the State.

Your Committee on Conference has amended this measure by:

- (1) Removing section 2 of this measure, which authorizes the Department of Transportation to designate certain lands for aquaculture use and enter into agreements with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture for the disposition of the lands;
- (2) Removing section 3 of this measure, which authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to exercise any power granted to it over the lands designated for aquaculture by the Department of Transportation; and
- (3) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2011.

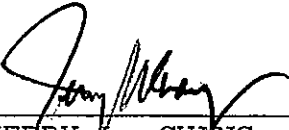
As affirmed by the record of votes of the managers of your Committee on Conference that is attached to this report, your Committee on Conference is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Final Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1511, S.D. 1, H.D. 2, C.D. 1.

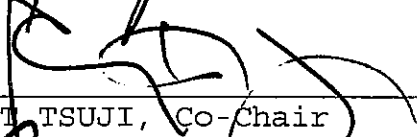



Respectfully submitted on behalf  
of the managers:

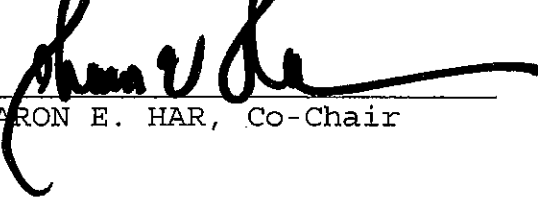
ON THE PART OF THE HOUSE

ON THE PART OF THE SENATE

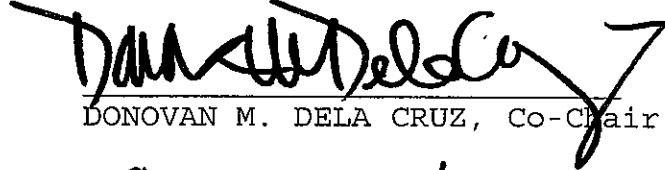
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JERRY L. CHANG, Co-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CLIFT TSUJI, Co-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Co-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
SHARON E. HAR, Co-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
CLARENCE K. NISHIHARA, Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Co-Chair

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
DAVID Y. IGE, Co-Chair



