

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

702

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 6, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 1478  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2015  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1478, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HUMPBACK WHALE NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to codify the State's duties in the co-management of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (Sanctuary) under the federal-state Compact Agreement for the Coordinated Management of the Sanctuary by:

- (1) Establishing the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Program (Program) to coordinate and fulfill the State's management duties relating to the Sanctuary;
- (2) Establishing a full-time Sanctuary co-manager position to represent the State in the management of the Sanctuary;
- (3) Establishing penalties for violating rules pertaining to the Program; and
- (4) Appropriating funds to establish one full-time Sanctuary co-manager position and for costs relating to the State's co-management of the Sanctuary.

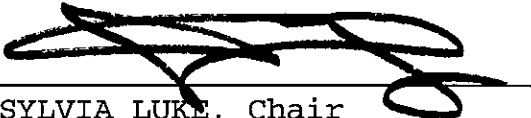
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The Ocean Tourism Coalition; Maui Nui Marine Resource Council; The Nature Conservancy; Hawaii Green Growth; Hanalei Watershed Hui; Malama Maunalua; Kua'āina Ulu 'Auamo; Coastal Planners, LLC; Conservation Council for Hawaii; and numerous individuals supported this measure. The Farming, Hunting, Fishing Association and an individual opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Office of Planning, Aha Moku Advisory Committee, and an individual commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1478, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,



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SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



