

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 556

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 05 2015

RE: S.B. No. 1377
S.D. 1

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1377 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE WAIKIKI-DIAMOND HEAD SHORELINE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AREA,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit spearfishing at all hours of the day within the Waikiki-Diamond Head shoreline fisheries management area until such time as the Department of Land and Natural Resources determines through research that the damage existing as of January 1, 2016, to the coral reefs has abated and the reefs are restored.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Animal Rights Hawai'i and Outrigger Hotels. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; Hawaii Sportsmen's Alliance; Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen; and twenty-nine individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

Your Committee finds that the Waikiki-Diamond Head shoreline has been a historic and also iconic area of urban Honolulu for decades. This area has also experienced a sharp increase in fishing. As the population in urban Honolulu has grown so has the interest in recreational spearfishing, which has resulted in a negative impact on the fish population. Your Committee is



concerned that unless spearfishing is curbed, the area will not be sustainable for other forms of fishing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting references to coral reefs and damaged coral;
- (2) Deleting language that would end the spearfishing prohibition at the time the Department of Land and Natural Resources determines through research that damage existing as of January 1, 2016, to the coral reefs has abated and the reefs have been fully restored;
- (3) Clarifying the purpose section to accurately reflect the amendments and concerns regarding the impact of population growth in urban Honolulu on the sustainability of fishing in the area; and
- (4) Inserting an effective date of July 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion.

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 is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 1377, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1377, S.D. 1, and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

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



LAURA H. THIELEN, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Eighth Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

Record of Votes
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Bill / Resolution No.:* SB 1377	Committee Referral: WTL	Date: 02-18-15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
THIELEN, Laura H. (C)	✓			
GALUTERIA, Brickwood (VC)	✓			
IHARA, Jr., Les	✓			
RIVIERE, Gil	✓			
RUDERMAN, Russell E.	✓			
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	✓			
SLOM, Sam				✓
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TOTAL				
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Only one measure per Record of Votes