

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 10 2017

RE: S.B. No. 1150  
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2017  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.B. No. 1150 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PRESERVING CORAL REEFS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to prohibit the use of sunscreens and cosmetics containing oxybenzone at beaches in Hawaii or in the ocean.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Health, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Conservation Council of Hawai'i, Nature Conservancy Hawai'i, For the Fishes, Malama O Puna, Animal Rights Hawai'i, Hawaii Fishing and Boating Association, Eco Tipping Points Project, Haereticus Environmental Laboratory, Sarah's Sweet Scrubs, and seven individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Personal Care Products Council and Consumer Healthcare Products Association. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and one individual.

Your Committee heard varied testimony on this measure. Hawaii would be the first state to enact a ban on oxybenzone-based products, and the science regarding the possibly damaging effects of oxybenzone on coral reefs is a work in progress. Furthermore, there are concerns that enforcement of the ban would prove challenging, and the use of sunscreen overall should be encouraged for personal health and well-being. However, Hawaii's marine

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environment and natural resources serve as a cultural, socioeconomic, and scientific foundation of our islands, and should be protected and preserved. Your Committee finds that this measure deserves further attention and study as it advances through the legislative process.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an exception for prescription sunscreen, sunblock, and cosmetics; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

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. 1150, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 1150, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Judiciary and Labor.

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



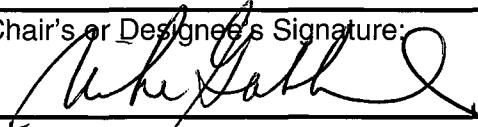
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KARL RHOADS, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Water and Land**  
**WTL**

Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
SB 1150	WTL, JDL	02-03-2017		
<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
RHOADS, Karl (C)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike (VC)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	✓			
KIM, Donna Mercado				✓
THIELEN, Laura H.				✓
<b>TOTAL</b>	3	-	-	2
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <span style="margin-left: 200px;"><input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted</span>				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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