

Honolulu, Hawaii

MARCH 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1751
H.D. 2

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1751, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a network of marine managed areas to protect the State's marine resources and effectively manage thirty percent of the State's nearshore resources by 2030.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition, LOST FISH Coalition, Eyes of the Reef Network, and many concerned individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. Hawaii Goes Fishing, Big Island Fisheries Alliance, and numerous concerned individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources and Office of Hawaiian Affairs provided comments.

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. 1751, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sylvia Luke', written over a horizontal line.

SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



