

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3464

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 05 2018

RE: S.R. No. 82

S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred S.R.  
No. 82, S.D. 1, entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION URGING THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND  
ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION TO PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM  
APPROACHING WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL EXCEPT  
WHEN PROVIDING AID TO THE HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to urge the  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to prohibit  
individuals from approaching within fifty feet of a Hawaiian monk  
seal except when providing aid to the Hawaiian monk seal.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the  
Democratic Party of Hawai'i and one individual. Your Committee  
received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and  
Natural Resources.

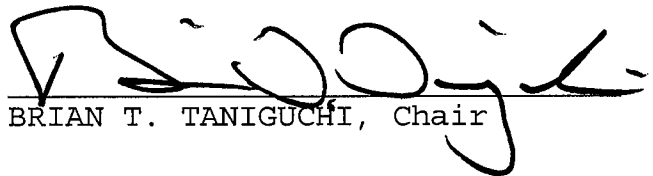
Your Committee finds that the Hawaiian monk seal is one of  
the world's most critically endangered species of marine mammal.  
The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has reported  
that a number of habituated seals have become a serious safety  
risk to humans, or have suffered injuries as a result of human  
infringement and interaction. Your Committee further finds that  
Hawaiian monk seals are protected by the Endangered Species Act,



which makes it illegal under federal law to harass the seals. To provide protection for Hawaiian monk seals from human interaction, this measure urges the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to prohibit individuals from approaching within fifty feet of a Hawaiian monk seal unless the individual is a licensed professional who is qualified to provide aid to the seal.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 82, S.D. 1, and recommends its adoption.

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




BRIAN T. TANIGUCHI, Chair



The Senate  
 Twenty-Ninth Legislature  
 State of Hawai'i

**Record of Votes**  
**Committee on Judiciary**  
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SR 82, SD 1	WTL/AEN, JDC	4/4/18		
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended 2312 <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments 2311 <input type="checkbox"/> Hold 2310 <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit 2313				
Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
TANIGUCHI, Brian T. (C)	✓			
RHOADS, Karl (VC)	✓			
GABBARD, Mike				✓
KIM, Donna Mercado	✓			
THIELEN, Laura H.	✓			
<b>TOTAL</b>	4	0	0	1
Recommendation:				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature:				
				
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