

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1660

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 09 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1019
H.D. 2
S.D. 2

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ways and Means, to which was referred H.B. No. 1019, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN STEWARDSHIP,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the ocean stewardship special fund and ocean stewardship user fee.

More specifically, this measure:

- (1) Establishes the ocean stewardship special fund;
- (2) Requires that twenty percent of certain funds collected and deposited into the ocean stewardship special fund be payable to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as ceded lands revenues;
- (3) Establishes an ocean stewardship user fee to be assessed on passengers and users of certain vessels;
- (4) Provides that the ocean stewardship special fund shall be abolished on June 30, 2030; and
- (5) Delays collection of the ocean stewardship user fee until January 1, 2024.



Your Committee received written comments in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Clean The Pacific, Hawaii Reef and Ocean Coalition, Kauhako Ohana Association, Kuaaina Ulu Auamo, Malama Pupukea-Waimea, Ocean Tourism Coalition, The Nature Conservancy Hawaii, and five individuals.

Your Committee received written comments on this measure from Pacific Whale Foundation.

Your Committee finds that assessing a nominal ocean stewardship user fee will provide revenue to help make the State's reefs healthier and restore fisheries.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Clarifying that twenty percent of certain gross revenues collected and deposited into the ocean stewardship special fund shall be payable to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as ceded lands revenues;
- (2) Requiring that any ocean stewardship user fees collected after June 30, 2030, be deposited into the general fund;
- (3) Clarifying that the statutory provision establishing the ocean stewardship special fund shall be repealed on June 30, 2030; and
- (4) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion on the measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ways and Means that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1019, H.D. 2, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1019, H.D. 2, S.D. 2.



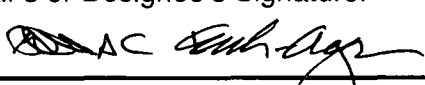
Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ways and Means,


DONOVAN M. DELA CRUZ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-First Legislature
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Bill / Resolution No.:*	Committee Referral:	Date:		
<i>HB 1019, HD2, SD1</i>	<i>WTL, WAM</i>	<i>4/6/21</i>		
<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
DELA CRUZ, Donovan M. (C)	X			
KEITH-AGARAN, Gilbert S.C. (VC)	X			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani	X			
INOUYE, Lorraine R.	X			
KANUHA, Dru Mamo	X			
KIDANI, Michelle N.	X			
MORIWAKI, Sharon Y.				X
SHIMABUKURO, Maile S.L.	X			
TANIGUCHI, Brian T.				X
WAKAI, Glenn	X			
FEVELLA, Kurt	X			
TOTAL	<i>9</i>			<i>2</i>
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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