

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

546

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 19 , 2021

RE: H.B. No. 1274
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-First State Legislature
Regular Session of 2021
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 1274 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SPORT FISH,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to:

- (1) Require the Department of Agriculture to allow for the permitted importation of northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass into Hawaii; and
- (2) Require the Division of Aquatic Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish a pilot project to restock the Wahiawa public fishing area in central Oahu with northern largemouth bass, butterfly peacock bass, or both.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Wahiawa Community Based Development Organization dba Wahiawa Fresh!, Hawaii Freshwater Fishing Association, and four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Coordinating Group on Alien Pest Species. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Agriculture.



Your Committee finds that this measure would bring environmental benefits to Lake Wilson and economic benefits to the surrounding Wahiawa community.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting the requirement that the Department of Agriculture allow for the permitted importation of northern largemouth bass and butterfly peacock bass into Hawaii;
- (2) Removing the requirement that the Division of Aquatic Resources, through its own resources, establish the pilot project;
- (3) Requiring the Division of Aquatic Resources to apply to the Department of Agriculture for the permit to import the northern largemouth bass and work with another public entity or partner with a private entity to accomplish the pilot project;
- (4) Changing its effective date to January 1, 2050, to encourage further discussion; and
- (5) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1274, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1274, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

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



DAVID A. TARNAS, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Thirty-first Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water & Land

Bill/Resolution No.: HB1274	Committee Referral: WAL, FIN	Date: 2/18/2021		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WAL Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TARNAS, David A. (C)	✗			
2. BRANCO, Patrick Pihana (VC)	✗			
3. GANADEN, Sonny	✗			
4. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	✗			
5. KONG, Sam Satoru	✗			
6. MORIKAWA, Dee	✗			
7. OHNO, Takashi				✗
8. McDERMOTT, Bob	✗			
TOTAL (8)	7			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small style="margin-left: 100px;">committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: [Signature]				
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