

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

349

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 18, 2015

RE: H.B. No. 483

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Eighth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2015
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 483 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to provide conservation officers of the Department of Land and Natural Resources with the means to administratively enforce conservation and resource extraction requirements in the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area. This measure grants the Department the authority to conduct administrative inspections of commercial licensees' and wholesale dealers' records, permitting documents, catch, equipment, and premises and to administratively suspend or revoke commercial licenses for noncompliance.

The Office of Hawaiian Affairs, a member of the Kauai County Council, South Kohala Reef Alliance, Conservation Council for Hawaii, and several individuals submitted testimony in support of this measure. Several individuals submitted testimony in opposition to this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources submitted comments.

Your Committee finds that monitoring extraction activities and enforcing compliance with management regulations in the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area have proven difficult. Despite the Department's current enforcement and monitoring activities, reliable data on the Management Area is still lacking and illegal activities continue. Your Committee finds that an


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administrative inspection program will increase the Department's ability to enforce existing requirements for the Management Area and to collect data on activities and resources within the Management Area.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 483 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,


KANIELA ING, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-eighth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 483	Committee Referral: OMH, JUD, FIN	Date: 2/12/15		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input 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)				
OMH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ING, Kaniela (C)	/			
2. LOWEN, Nicole E. (VC)	/			
3. CULLEN, Ty J.K.		/		
4. EVANS, Cindy	/			
5. LEE, Chris	/			
6. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y.	/			
7. SAY, Calvin K.Y.		/		
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.	/			
9. POUHA, Feki	/			
10. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (10)	8	2	0	0
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: small;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u></u>				
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