

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1533

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 04 2023

RE: S.R. No. 167

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred S.R. No. 167 entitled:

"SENATE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT DESIGNATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to request the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a study on the Marine Life Conservation District designations.

Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from the Ocean Tourism Coalition. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that in response to the excessive taking of fish in coastal waters, the Legislature enacted Act 192, Session Laws of Hawaii 1955, to allow for the creation of Marine Life Conservation Districts (MLCDs) that help conserve and replenish marine resources by limiting fishing and prohibiting certain uses entirely. Your Committee further finds that there are currently ten MLCDs throughout the State, each with unique rules and regulations, and that an assessment would help inform whether additional or more uniform protections are necessary. Therefore, this measure requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources to study the effectiveness of MLCDs in carrying



out their purpose and how MLCDs compare to other International Union for Conservation of Nature protected areas.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.R. No. 167 and recommends its adoption.

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


LORRAINE R. INOUÉ, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
 State of Hawai'i

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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312 Pass, with amendments 2311 Hold 2310 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (C)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C. (VC)	✓			
CHANG, Stanley	✓			
MCKELVEY, Angus L.K.	✓			
FEVELLA, Kurt				✓
TOTAL	4	0	0	1

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature: 

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