Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2687
    H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 2687 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DNLR) to conduct a review of any new administrative rules adopted after January 1, 2008, concerning:

(1) The protection and propagation of introduced and transplanted aquatic life; or

(2) The conservation and allocation of the natural supply of aquatic life;

and determine whether the rules have achieved their intended purpose.

Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen, Hawaii Tropical Fish Association, and several concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii supported this measure with amendments. The Conservation Council for Hawaii and the Pacific Forum Ocean Law & Policy Institute opposed this bill. DLNR provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

(1) Extending the time between each review after 2009 from
     three to five years;

(2) Specifying that the study include lay gill net and
     bottomfish management rules;

(3) Providing funding for the study; and

(4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for style,
     clarity, and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your
Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that
is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the
intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2687, as amended herein, and
recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto
as H.B. No. 2687, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on
Finance.

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

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KEN ITO, Chair

State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-fourth Legislature

HSCR 567-08

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

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2687	Committee Referral: WLH, FIN	Date: 2/8/08

❑ The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.

The recommendation is to: ❑ Pass, unamended (as is) ☑ Pass, with amendments (HD) ❑ Hold
❑ Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)

WLH Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. ITO, Ken (C)	/			
2. KARAMATSU, Jon Riki (VC)	/			
3. CARROLL, Mele	/			
4. MAGAOAY, Michael Y.	/			
5. MORITA, Hermina M.	/			
6. SAGUM, Roland D., III	/			
7. SAIKI, Scott K.	/			
8. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (8)	8	0	0	0

The recommendation is: ☑ Adopted ❑ Not Adopted

If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation.
committee acronym(s)

Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____

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