

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 798 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 29, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3391
H.D. 2

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 3391, H.D. 1, 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 (DLNR) to provide a comprehensive report on the status of the state's marine ecosystems and to appropriate funds to perform the study.

The Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill. The Conservation Council for Hawaii and KAHEA: The Hawaiian-Environmental Alliance opposed this measure. DLNR provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Removing the appropriation amount to encourage further discussion;
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 2020; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 3391, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3391, H.D. 2.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



