

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 376 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 13, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 3440
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. 3440 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF NI'HAU,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect the people and resources on the island of Niihau by designating the Niihau community based fisheries management area.

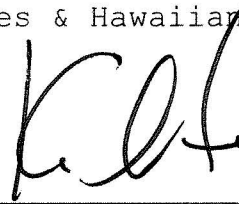
The Office of Hawaiian Affairs testified in support of this bill. The 'Aha Kiolo Advisory Committee supported the measure with amendments. The Hawaii Nearshore Fishermen and a concerned individual opposed this measure. Pae 'Aina Communications, LLC, provided comments.

To more effectively carry out the intent of this bill, your Committee has amended this bill by creating a marine life conservation district with exceptions for subsistence fishing and limu harvesting by the residents of Niihau, instead of a community based subsistence fishing area.



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. 3440, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 3440, 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,



KEN ITO, Chair



