

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3265

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 31 2008

RE: S.C.R. No. 77

S.D. 1

Honorable Colleen Hanabusa
President of the Senate
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred
S.C.R. No. 77 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO
PROCLAIM JUNE 8TH OF EVERY YEAR AS WORLD OCEAN DAY,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request that the Governor
proclaim June 8th of each year as World Ocean Day.

Testimony in support of this measure was submitted by the
Hawaii Audubon Society, Surfrider Foundation Oahu Chapter, The
Nature Conservancy of Hawaii, Kai Makana, and thirty interested
individuals. Girl Scout Troop 401 submitted testimony in support
of this measure and attached a petition with approximately 486
signatures in support of this measure. Testimony in support of
the intent of this measure was submitted by the Department of Land
and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the concept of World Ocean Day was
established in 1992 at the United Nations Earth Summit. The
world's oceans are critical to maintaining the planet's ecosystems
and are essential to human health and well-being.

Your Committee further finds that Hawaii's location in the
middle of the Pacific Ocean and its distinction of being the
farthest removed islands from any other body of land in the world
makes it an appropriate participant in World Ocean Day. Your
Committee believes that World Ocean Day is an opportunity to

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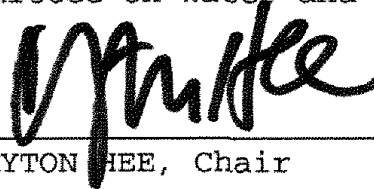
educate the world's population about conserving and protecting the world's oceans and fragile marine environment.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requesting that the President of the United States proclaim June 8th of every year as World Ocean Day and changing the measure's title to reflect this amendment;
- (2) Supplementing the justifications given for requesting the proclamation of World Ocean Day; and
- (3) Supplementing the list of recipients of copies of the resolution to include the President of the United States and various interested governmental agencies and private organizations.

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.C.R. No. 77, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as S.C.R. No. 77, S.D. 1.

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



CLAYTON HEE, Chair



The Senate
 Twenty-Fourth Legislature
 State of Hawaii

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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
HEE, Clayton (C)	/			
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (VC)	/			
FUKUNAGA, Carol				/
TOKUDA, Jill N.				/
WHALEN, Paul	/			
TOTAL	3			2

Recommendation:
 Adopted
 Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:


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