

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 2520
Honolulu, Hawaii

RE: S.B. No. 3164
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirtieth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2020
State of Hawaii
Sir:

Your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, to which was referred S.B. No. 3164 entitled:
"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE STATE SURFING COMMISSION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to establish the State Commission on Surfing.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Tourism Authority and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that Hawaii is the birthplace of surfing. Surfing has a strong cultural connection to Hawaii and plays a significant role in the history and economy of the State. Despite this, many people are unaware of the history and unique connection that Hawaii has with surfing. This measure will educate the public regarding the history and significance of surfing by establishing a State Commission on Surfing.

Your Committee has amended this measure by making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 3164, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 3164, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committee on
Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism,

GLENN WAKAI, Chair