SB 1278 HD 1
RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS

Statement for
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SB 1278 HD 1 adds to the rulemaking authority of the Department of Land and Natural Resources the ability to adopt rules for the regulation of anchoring in marine life conservation districts.

Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

As we have repeatedly testified on previous bills and resolutions dealing with the need for protection of coral reefs from destruction by boat anchors, we continue to support all efforts to eliminate or minimize this widespread problem. SB 1278 HD 1 will permit greater regulation of anchoring in marine life conservation districts, and we concur with the intent of this bill. We urge that efforts be focused on expediting the pin anchor mooring systems so as to eliminate the use of the more traditional destructive anchors in these sensitive areas.