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SCR 177 SD 1
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
TO REVIEW STATE POLICY CONCERNING THE PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES

Statement for
House Committee on
Planning, Energy and Environmental Protection
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SCR 177 SD 1 requests that the Department of Land and Natural Resources undertake a comprehensive review of state policy concerning the protection of endangered species.

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

SCR 177 SD 1 reflects most of the recommendations made by the Environmental Center in our earlier statement on SCR 177. Thus we strongly concur with the intent of this resolution and will be pleased to work with the Department of Land and Natural Resources in carrying out its provisions particularly as they may relate to the coordination of input from the University community with expertise in endangered species ecology and protection.

We continue to be concerned with the need for a review of the efficacy of the enforcement programs relative to the protection of endangered species. Perhaps this need could be expressed in the committee report so as to offer some supporting guidance to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to include enforcement aspects in their overall policy review.

We also would like to call your attention to the need to prepare recovery plans for those species already declared endangered. It is our understanding that both federal and state action on this issue has been deficient. We urge that a sixth paragraph be added to the first Be It Resolved clause to request DLNR "to review resources necessary to develop recovery plans for endangered species already listed".

The first "Be It Further Resolved" paragraph directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources to consult with a number of agencies, organizations and individuals in carrying out the directives of this resolution. We suggest that representatives from the Nature Conservancy, the Natural Resources Defense Council, and the Animal Species Advisory Commission be added to the list. All have direct ongoing programs or responsibilities related to endangered species.

We assume that DLNR will need funds to carry out the purpose of this resolution and in this regard it is our understanding that some percentage of the Pittman-Robertson funds are available for enforcement action. Perhaps they can be used to carry out the various tasks requested by SCR 177.

The Environmental Center will be pleased to consult with DLNR in carrying out the provisions of this resolution particularly as they relate to the coordination of input from the University community with expertise in endangered species ecology and protection.