SCR 109
REQUESTING DESIGNATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION MONTH

Statement for
Senate Committee on
Economic Development
Public Hearing – 13 April 1984

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SCR 109 would commemorate the 75th anniversary of the Hawaiian islands national wildlife refuge and the importance of Hawaii's endangered wildlife through designation of "Endangered Species Protection Month". This statement on the resolution does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The endangered species problem in Hawaii is of pressing significance. Hawaii is home to more endangered species than any other state. More endangered bird species exist in Hawaii than on the entire continental U.S., including Alaska. Unique examples of island evolution and adaptive radiation are threatened with extinction on every major island in the Hawaiian chain. Public concern for the endangered species has been shown to be high in Hawaii, but at the same time, survey respondents are demonstrably uninformed on key issues surrounding endangered species in the state. In this climate, increased public information plays a vital role.

Recognition of Hawaii's endangered species and the importance of the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge through executive proclamation would help draw public attention to these issues, and would therefore be of benefit to Hawaii and its wildlife.
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The attached statement on SCR 109 to the Senate Committee on Economic Development remains applicable.