HB 1710, HD 2
ARTIFICIAL HABITATS FOR BOTTOMFISH

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HB 1710, HD 2 proposes the establishment of a pilot program for creating artificial habitats for bottomfish. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The findings supporting the establishment of the proposed program are appropriately expressed in Section 1 of the bill. So are the provisions for the program set forth in Section 2 as far as they go. However, because the purpose of the pilot program, as indicated in the findings, is to "test the feasibility of developing" the artificial habitats, it would seem appropriate to stipulate in Section 2 that the program is not merely to "create" the habitats, but to test their effectiveness.