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## SB 2217-82 RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES AND WILDLIFE

Statement for  
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SB 2217-82 would amend HRS Section 187-4 relating to permits for taking aquatic life or wildlife for scientific, educational, or propagation purposes. This statement has been submitted for review to the Center's Legislative Subcommittee, but does not represent an institutional position of the University.

The amendment proposed applies to a restriction on the authorization to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to grant permits for taking aquatic life or wildlife for scientific, educational, or propagation purposes. In the present law, permits may not be granted for the taking of "species which are threatened or endangered." In the amendment proposed, they could be granted "except as prohibited by Chapter 195-D."

The prohibition in HRS 195-D, as amended in 1981, applies to the taking of "any endangered species of wildlife or plant" (Section 4(e)), but provides for exceptions in the case of takings "for scientific purposes or to enhance the propagation or survival of the affected species" (Sections 4(f) and 5(f)).

The only practical effect of the proposed amendment of HRS 187-4 would be to allow the Department to grant permits for the collection of threatened species if for scientific, educational, or propagation purposes, whereas such collection is now prohibited even if for these purposes. The amendment has the advantage of tying together the restriction in HRS 187-4 and the prohibition in 195 D-4.