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RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES

Senate Committee on Economic Development

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HB 43 H.D. 2 amends chapter 188, HRS, to provide rulemaking authority to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for management of aquatic resources.

Our comments on this measure are compiled from voluntarily submitted opinions of the listed academic sources, and as such, do not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

We strongly support the intent of this measure as presently drafted. No other state requires that management of fishery resources be dependent on statutory amendment or enactment. Such authority appropriately should reside with the agency possessing expertise in making judicious appraisals and decisions regarding aquatic resource management.