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## HB 1178 RELATING TO ENFORCEMENT

House Committee on Ocean Recreation and Marine Resources  
House Committee on Water and Land Use

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8:30 a.m., Room 312, State Capitol

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HB 1178 would amend Sections 199-7 and 712A-6, HRS, to provide procedures for the seizure, forfeiture and disposal of natural resources involved in statutory violations.

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.

Along with HB1181, this measure establishes procedures and penalties relating to enforcement of statutes providing for aquatic resource management. These measures finally put teeth into the management of fishery resources in Hawaii that for too long have been allowed to decline. We strongly concur with the intent of the Department to impose management of Hawaii's aquatic resources based on scientific principles and enforced by deterrents to malfeasance that are effective.