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HB 34  
HB181  
RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES

House Committee on Ocean and Marine Resources

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HB 34 and HB 181 would amend Chapter 188, HRS to provide rulemaking authority to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, which authority presently requires legislative direction.

Our statement on this measure is compiled from voluntarily submitted opinions of the listed academic reviewers and does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Apart from introductory language differences, these measures are identical, and are transcribed verbatim from last year's HB 2878 and SB 2895, which were introduced as part of the Administration package. Similar measures have been introduced by the Administration this year as HB 1182 and SB 1092.

We strongly support the intent of this measure. 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 and experience in making judicious appraisals and decisions regarding aquatic resource management.