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HB 1182 RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES

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

**Public Hearing, February 10, 1999
8:30 a.m., Room 312, State Capitol**

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HB 1182 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.

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.