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HB 532
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR THE
EXPANSION OF THE MARINE SHRIMP BREEDING PROGRAM

Statement for
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Ocean and Marine Resource
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HB 532 would provide funds to Oceanic Institute for the expansion of the marine shrimp breeding program. This statement on HB 532 does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The state objectives of the on-going shrimp farming development program conducted by Oceanic Institute are to provide information and stocking material to the general public for shrimp farming. As noted in the bill, the present facilities are adequate to achieve these objectives. It is not clear, from the text of HB 532, why the expansion of the breeding program, which would be provided by this legislation, will be necessary if all needs are being met with existing facilities. Funding for program continuation seems appropriate, if it is in keeping with the state Aquaculture Development Plan.