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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AQUATIC RESOURCES DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO BEGIN A RULEMAKING PROCESS, PURSUANT TO SECTION 187A-5, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, TO AMEND THE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, AS NECESSARY, TO RESOLVE THE USER CONFLICTS BETWEEN COMMERCIAL AKULE FISHERMEN AND RECREATIONAL POLE FISHING IN VARIOUS HARBORS ON KAUAI.

1           WHEREAS, there has been and continues to be user conflict  
2 between commercial akule fishermen and recreational pole fishing  
3 in various harbors on Kauai, including Port Allen and  
4 Nawiliwili; and

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6           WHEREAS, there have been allegations that the commercial  
7 akule fishermen have been depleting fish stocks to the detriment  
8 of recreational pole fishing in these areas; and

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10          WHEREAS, in other harbors statewide comparable situations  
11 have been addressed through legislation and administrative  
12 rules; now, therefore,

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14          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,  
16 that the Aquatic Resources Division of the Department of Land  
17 and Natural Resources (Department) is requested to begin a  
18 rulemaking process, pursuant to section 187A-5, Hawaii Revised  
19 Statutes, to review the current status of the user conflict  
20 between commercial akule fishermen and recreational pole fishing  
21 in various harbors on Kauai, to hold public meetings, and to  
22 recommend rule changes that would better balance the use  
23 conflicts between the two parties; and

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25          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the rulemaking process is  
26 requested to begin as soon as possible and that the Department  
27 is requested to report to the Legislature no later than twenty  
28 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009, on  
29 the status of the adoption of any relevant rules; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
3 Land and Natural Resources.  
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