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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES, TO DETERMINE THE POPULATION OF THE AKULE SPECIES AND ESTABLISH A MANAGEMENT PRACTICE TO PRESERVE THE SPECIES.

1           WHEREAS, the akule, or big-eye scad, is among Hawaii  
2 residents' favorite fish to consume, for it can be eaten raw,  
3 fried, sun dried, or fermented; and  
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5           WHEREAS, there is a growing fear among commercial and  
6 recreational fishermen that the akule population is declining at  
7 an unusually fast rate and the resource will be depleted for  
8 future generations; and  
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10           WHEREAS, a "Management Plan for Hawaii's Akule Fishery" was  
11 prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
12 Division of Aquatic Resources, in 2001; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the management plan, while successfully  
15 establishing boundaries that restrict commercial fishermen and  
16 setting bag limits on the amount of akule that may be caught,  
17 did not include a study of the population of akule in Hawaii;  
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20           WHEREAS, a population study of akule, including its  
21 migration habits, reproduction patterns, and natural and  
22 unnatural predators, would help alleviate the fishing  
23 community's concerns about the dwindling supply of akule and  
24 ensure the survival of the species; now, therefore,  
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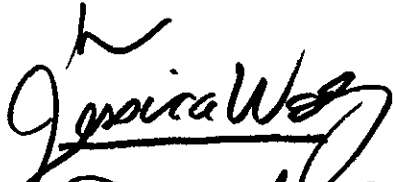

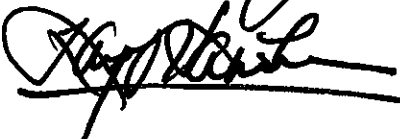



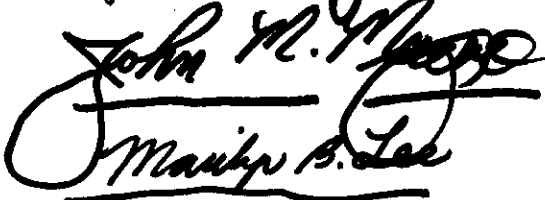

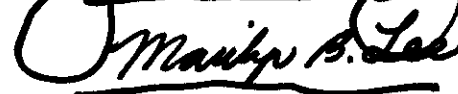
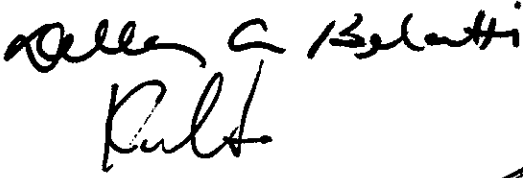
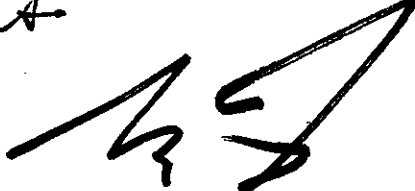
26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
28 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
29 Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, is urged to  
30 determine the population of the akule species; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that once a determination has been  
 3 made as to the akule population, the Department of Land and  
 4 Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources, is urged to  
 5 consult and confer with commercial and recreational akule  
 6 fishermen to establish a management practice to preserve the  
 7 akule species for future generations; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 11 Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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