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Aloha Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means,

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii **supports** this measure and encourages you to join us in supporting this measure which allows DLNR to fulfill their vision and mission statement to protect our natural resources for current and future generations.

Currently, DLNR does not have the ability to manage commercial activities on near shore waters if that commercial activity initiates from a private marina or harbor. They are only allowed to control the number of permits for commercial activities in our near shore waters if initiated from State run harbors or marinas. This does not allow for management of all commercial activities on our near shore waters and thereby does not allow them to fulfill their vision and mission which, in part, is to protect our natural resources for current and future generations.

We believe that this oversight should be corrected and this bill is an attempt to do so and put the correct onus on DLNR to meet their responsibilities.

We urge you to **support** this bill for today and our future.

Mahalo,

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Aloha Chair Ige and members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means:

Mahalo for hearing HB2682 HD1.

As a resident of the Wai`anae Coast and a person interested in sustainable uses of our natural resources, I **support** this bill which allows DLNR to take responsibility for their vision and mission in protecting our natural resources for current and future generations.

This bill allows DLNR an opportunity to manage our near shore resources by controlling the number of vessels which engage in commercial activities on our near shore waters, whether those vessels originate at a state boat harbor/marina OR a private harbor/marina. Currently, DLNR has no ability to control permits and thereby little authority to control commercial activities, such as dolphin watching, snorkeling, etc. in our near shore waters. This bill gives DLNR that responsibility and authority and in turn holds them accountable for the protection of these resources for the current and future generations of Hawai`i.

It has been the experience of those who follow these activities that in one instance at Makua Bay, a business launched from the beach a number of kayaks per day to dolphin watch during the time day that dolphin pods come in to certain areas to rest. During the course of this activity, commercial fishers for *akule* were not able to harvest from the area. Once the kayaking activity was terminated, with a week the commercial fishermen were able to harvest *akule*, as they had done traditionally, in the very same area. This management control is important since *akule* are believed to reproduce like salmon, returning to the area of their birth to spawn and produce future generations of the fish.

Because of this empirical knowledge and the number of businesses which are in competition for the same near shore locales for competing reasons, DLNR should be able to manage the impacts or we, as a state, risk the loss of current and future natural resources.

I urge you to **support** the passage of this bill.

Mahalo,

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