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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 2852 SD1

Aloha Chair Ige and Members of the Committee:

The Sierra Club, Hawai'i Chapter, with 10,000 dues paying members and supporters statewide, supports SB 2852 (SD1). This bill would provide the Board of Land and Natural Resources with additional flexibility to impose administrative penalties and ensure compliance.

Hawaii's nearshore and reef fisheries are in decline. Part of the reason for their decline is the behavior of individuals and businesses who flout our conservation laws. The legislature should support efforts to increase enforcement and to give BLNR the necessary flexibility to ensure that the enforcement occurs. This bill takes a step in that direction.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:
Aloha ~

This bill has had unanimous support by the previous 2 committees and provides significant improvements to our currently problematic marine resource violation process.

We have a large community in support of this.

Please support this noteworthy effort.

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Comments:

Each day thousands of people "pay" to visit protected sanctuaries through out Hawaii. Places set aside by law to rebuild and protect resources, resources such as akule and opelu. Every day these protected area's are altered by a bombardment of recreational activities' bringing characteristic changes to both habitat and resource. These sanctuaries once provided a sustainable food resource for Hawaii's people many of them being created under strong protest from fisherman, including Hawaiian Fishermen.

Today some of these areas have made a few individual owners in the ocean tourism industry multi millionaires, These same actions have caused the opposite for fisher's and their extended communities who once relied on resources these sanctuaries provided

To date such actions part of a cumulative mounting transformation from ocean resource dependency to tourism based has come at great cost for food sustainability and overall health and wellness for different ethnic communities, including the Hawaiian community . mostly because maintaining a healthy lifestyle has become outrageously expensive.

past administration's have yet to acknowledge the tens of millions in meals provided annually by skilled fisherman. Fisherman who have contributed tons of product towards a more food secure sustainable Hawaii, Fishermen who every year are rewarded by coming to this legislature having to fight for their own existence.

SB2852 gives The Department in essence a heavy hammer. The excessive risk of trial court fee's lawyers fee's fines etc will likely cause the accused to plea to a lesser no contest or except a guilty verdict and not exercise or "gamble" his right to trial. charging the accused either way.

Thank You Honorable Senate the opportunity to testify.

Carl P Jellings Sr Wai'anae Hawaii