
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE
AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE STATE'S
ENDANGERED MARINE ANIMALS.

1 WHEREAS, marine and aquatic life is a vital and important
2 source of food sustenance and living for the people of Hawaii;
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5 WHEREAS, the State has an interest in ensuring the survival
6 of the marine life in the State; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has
9 partnered with the United States National Oceanic and
10 Atmospheric Administration to study marine life in the State,
11 including endangered marine life species; and
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13 WHEREAS, currently, there is no information and no up-to-
14 date report of endangered marine life species in Hawaii
15 available to the public; and
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17 WHEREAS, obtaining the most current and relevant
18 information regarding endangered marine life is important to
19 preserving the balance of the aquatic environment; and
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21 WHEREAS, a publicly available current report on endangered
22 marine life species in Hawaii will enable the public to be more
23 informed of populations of endangered marine life species and,
24 thus, more respectful of their aquatic habitats; and
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26 WHEREAS, a public, current list of endangered marine life
27 species would allow for more accurate and helpful fishing
28 regulations, thereby allowing for more flexible regulations for
29 non-endangered marine life species and stricter regulations on
30 species that are currently endangered; and



1 WHEREAS, an annual updated report from the United States
2 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration regarding the
3 State's current endangered marine life species would benefit the
4 fishers in the State and other commercial and recreational users
5 of the ocean; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
8 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
9 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the United States
10 National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is requested to
11 make an annual report of the State's endangered marine life
12 available to the public by posting the report on its website;
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States National
16 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is requested to provide
17 an annual report of the State's endangered marine life to the
18 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
21 Natural Resources is requested to make the report available to
22 the public by posting the report on its website; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
26 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Acting Administrator
27 of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric
28 Administration.

