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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONVENE A MARINE GAME FISHING TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP A  
PROPOSED REGULATORY SCHEME FOR REQUIRING LICENSURE FOR  
MARINE GAME FISHING.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii requires licenses for freshwater game  
2 fishing and commercial marine fishing, but the State does not  
3 require a license for marine game fishing; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the few coastal states that does  
6 not require a license for marine game fishing; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the nearshore recreational catch is likely equal  
9 to or greater than the nearshore commercial fisheries catch, and  
10 these recreational fishers take more species using a wider range  
11 of fishing gear; and  
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13           WHEREAS, in addition to commercial and recreational  
14 fisheries, most of the marine ornamental fish and invertebrates  
15 originating from United States waters are collected in Hawaii,  
16 which is known for its high quality animals and rare endemic  
17 species of high economic value; and  
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19           WHEREAS, it has been reported that Hawaii ranks forty-  
20 eighth among the fifty states in terms of public money spent on  
21 aquatic resource management, even though Hawaii has the largest  
22 exclusive economic zone in the United States; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the United States requires anglers who fish for  
25 recreational purposes in federal waters to be registered with  
26 the National Saltwater Angler Registry; now, therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Chairperson of



1 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, is requested to  
2 designate an individual within the Department to convene a  
3 marine game fishing task force to develop a proposed regulatory  
4 scheme for requiring licensure for marine game fishing; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
7 Land and Natural Resources is requested to designate an  
8 individual to serve as the Chairperson of the task force and to  
9 invite interested parties, including native Hawaiian groups, to  
10 be members of the task force; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
13 consider:  
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- 15 (1) Establishing a regulatory framework for marine game  
16 fishing similar to that used by the State to regulate  
17 hunting;  
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- 19 (2) Requiring annual renewal of marine game fishing  
20 licenses;  
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- 22 (3) The licensing fee amounts, including establishing  
23 different fees for residents and nonresidents;  
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- 25 (4) The disposition of the licensing fees collected;  
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- 27 (5) The feasibility of establishing joint licensure for  
28 hunting and marine game fishing; and  
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- 30 (6) Potential issues or concerns that marine game fishing  
31 licensure might present, such as specifying which  
32 activities constitute marine game fishing and  
33 addressing concerns regarding native Hawaiian  
34 traditional and customary rights; and  
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
37 conduct public meetings and receive public input in West Hawaii,  
38 East Hawaii, Maui, Molokai, Lanai, Oahu, and Kauai; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the task  
41 force is requested to submit a report of the task force's  
42 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
43 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
44 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
3 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

