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**Testimony of  
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**Before the House Committees on  
WATER & LAND  
and  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 1, 2013  
8:00 AM  
State Capitol, Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1387  
RELATING TO ENDANGERED SPECIES**

House Bill 1387 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to supplement currently mandated end-of-year reports on endangered species with annual mid-year updates of population counts for endangered aquatic life and wildlife inhabiting state marine waters and coastal lands, and makes the updates available to the public. The Department respectfully opposes this bill as written for the following reasons.

The Department reports annually on threatened and endangered species, and although the Department does not object to including population survey data in mid-year updates the Department notes that for many species population counts of this frequency are impractical.

For example, the federal and state listed species in Hawaii comprise thirty-nine species of birds, sixty-six species of invertebrates, which includes insects, a spider, an amphipod, and an entire genus of snails, a bat, a monk seal, a whale, and three species of sea turtles. Much of the data collected on such species populations is highly variable and subject to numerous influences, including ecology of the organism, feasibility, cooperative partnership resources, and availability of funding and personnel. Some species are surveyed regularly and substantial reports are developed and available to the public, and other species are rarely surveyed for the abovementioned reasons.

The Department respectfully opposes this bill because its goal of integrating population counts into biannual reports for all endangered species in marine waters and coastal lands is impractical. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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