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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO REQUEST AN AUDIT OF  
THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

1           WHEREAS, the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management  
2 Council was established in 1976 and is responsible for  
3 preventing over-fishing and promoting sustainability in the  
4 western Pacific Ocean, including the waters surrounding Hawaii;  
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7           WHEREAS, the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management  
8 Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils  
9 under the National Marine Fisheries Service, a division of the  
10 United States Department of Commerce; and  
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12           WHEREAS, community-based sustainability education programs  
13 based upon the indigenous Aha Moku system of best practices  
14 within traditionally defined geographic areas are vital to the  
15 Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council's success;  
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18           WHEREAS, the financial accountability of programs and  
19 activities funded by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery  
20 Management Council is also vital to the success of the council  
21 and the conservation of the natural resources it is charged with  
22 managing; now, therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2014, that Hawaii's congressional delegation is urged  
27 to request a financial audit of the Western Pacific Regional  
28 Fishery Management Council; and  
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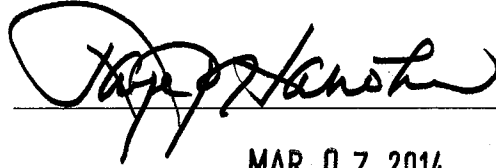
30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the audit focus on expenditures  
31 by the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council for  
32 community-based sustainability education and outreach programs,  
33 program coordinators, and activities from 2000 to 2013; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's  
3 congressional delegation.  
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