
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONDUCT AN OPIHI MANAGEMENT STUDY.

1 WHEREAS, opihi comprises four species of saltwater Hawaiian
2 limpets that are found nowhere else on Earth; and
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4 WHEREAS, the popularity of opihi as a delicacy has led to
5 statewide overharvesting and the decline of natural populations;
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8 WHEREAS, in the past century, there was a ten-fold decline
9 in the amount of opihi available in markets, and the average
10 amount of opihi has further been halved in the past forty years;
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13 WHEREAS, the key to increasing the sustainable harvest of
14 opihi is protecting a portion of opihi populations so that they
15 may reproduce and create the next generation; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2014, that the Department of Land and Natural
20 Resources is requested to conduct an opihi management study on
21 the replenishment of natural populations of all Hawaiian opihi
22 species; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the study:
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26 (1) Encompass all islands of the State, including the
27 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands;
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29 (2) Recommend best management practices for each island
30 area; and
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32 (3) Recommend effective enforcement mechanisms for
33 implementing the best management practices; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the
2 Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to consult
3 with the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and any other individual or
4 entity that has expertise that is relevant to the study; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Land and Natural
7 Resources is requested to submit its findings and
8 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
9 Legislature no later than December 19, 2014; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
13 Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:


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