
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE STATUS OF EACH MARINE LIFE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

1 WHEREAS, the State's marine waters contain fish,
2 crustaceans, mollusks, live coral, algae, and other marine life
3 and geological features that comprise some of the State's most
4 precious, unique, and fragile resources; and

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6 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 190, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
7 the Department of Land and Natural Resources is authorized to
8 establish marine life conservation districts and to adopt rules
9 governing the taking or conservation of marine life within the
10 districts; and

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12 WHEREAS, limited fishing and other consumptive uses are
13 allowed within marine life conservation districts, which are
14 intended to conserve and replenish marine resources; and

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16 WHEREAS, marine life conservation districts provide fish
17 and other aquatic life with a protected area in which to grow
18 and reproduce, and are home to a variety of species; and

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20 WHEREAS, there are currently eleven marine life
21 conservation districts statewide and other sites are being
22 considered for designation as well; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned about the lack of
25 information received from the Department of Land and Natural
26 Resources on the status of the marine life conservation
27 districts; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2014, that the Department of Land and Natural
32 Resources is requested to report to the Legislature on the
33 status of each marine life conservation district established
34 pursuant to chapter 190, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and



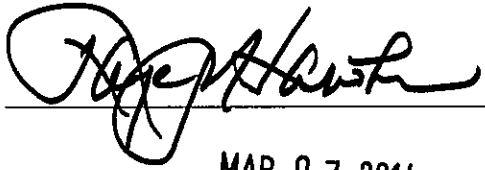
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature specifically requests that the report include:

- (1) An evaluation of whether the marine life conservation program is achieving its intended purpose, both as a whole and with respect to each marine life conservation district;
- (2) A determination of whether any of the marine life conservation districts should be modified, and if so, how; and
- (3) An explanation of why past reports have not been submitted to the Legislature regarding the marine life conservation districts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit the report, including findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to each member of the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY: 

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