

# HB1911

Measure Title: RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

Report Title: Public Lands; Homestead Leases; Joint Tenancy

Description: Requires all existing certificates of occupation or existing homestead leases, or fractional interests to be held in joint tenancy with right of survivorship.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL/HWN, JDL

Introducer(s): ESPERO

<u>Sort by Date</u>		<b>Status Text</b>
1/23/2014	S	Introduced.
1/27/2014	S	Passed First Reading.
1/27/2014	S	Referred to WTL/HWN, JDL.
1/29/2014	S	The committee(s) on WTL/HWN has scheduled a public hearing on 02-03-14 1:15PM in conference room 225.

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**Testimony of  
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, March 17, 2014  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1911, HOUSE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES**

House Bill 1911, House Draft 1 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to conduct a study examining the feasibility of establishing a noncommercial fishing license program and report back to the 2015 Legislature. **The Department strongly supports this measure as drafted.**

The Department presently requires commercial marine licenses for all commercial fishing. The program works. There is no equivalent for non-commercial fishing. Accurate data is critical in assessing the health and managing Hawaii's fishing stocks. Data gathering for non-commercial fishing is voluntary, less reliable, and fails to provide the information needed to make informed decisions.

This study will evaluate how a non-commercial licensing program could work. It is long overdue.

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