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Comments: I am a resident of Hawaii Island and have been involved for a number of years in marine resource management issues. Throughout Hawaii there are numerous marine protected areas. Often these protected areas are established without a stated measureable objective. All marine protected areas should have specific objectives so that success or failure of the intended protection can be measured, therefore this resolution should be widened to include reports and assessments of all marine protected areas under management by DLNR, including the Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas.

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**Before the House Committee on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March 19, 2014
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 120/HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 86
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE STATUS OF EACH MARINE LIFE
CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

House Concurrent Resolution 120/House Resolution 86 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to report to the Legislature on the status of each marine life conservation district. **The Department supports these measures.**

To date, Marine Life Conservation Districts have been successful in achieving their intended purpose; biodiversity is increased, as is fish biomass. Modification measures could be taken to further improve their effectiveness.

The Department appreciates the Legislature's interest in marine life conservation districts and would be happy to provide you the requested information.