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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Dennis Yamaguchi	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: There are existing Federal and State agencies that can and have done exactly what this bill is asking for.

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glenn fukuda	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: very difficult to have extinction of ocean species due to capture or taking

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Carl M Jellings Sr	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Why does this State need some Fly by Night Task Force when There are already 900 Hard Working dedicated professionals managing conserving and protecting Hawaii's natural resources. People who work for the Department of Land and Natural Resources are committed to fulfilling the agency's mission of managing and conserving the state's natural and cultural resources for future generations. With nearly 900 employees working throughout the state, job opportunities within the department require various levels of education and expertise ranging from a high school education up through advanced degrees. If you are interested in pursuing a career as a conservation enforcement officer, aquatic or wildlife biologist, environmental engineer, archaeologist or cultural historian, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is the place for you.

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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

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

Wednesday, February 10, 2016
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2025
RELATING TO MARINE SPECIES

House Bill 2025 proposes to establish a marine species task force to identify ten vital marine species vulnerable to extinction if take levels of those species increases and recommend actions to ensure the sustainability of those species. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) opposes this measure.**

The Department already has the ability to informally convene advisory groups to discuss a number of subjects and to provide suggested guidance. A task force established by statute would involve considerable administrative burden.

The Department notes that the National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources (OPR), is regularly petitioned to review the status of many species in the area of the Hawaiian Islands. These reviews are to determine if any species already on the list of threatened or endangered species should change their status or if any new species needs to be added. Their review process is quite extensive, with staff and funding specifically provided to conduct this review for species status.

We work with OPR, the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (PIFSC), and others, whenever practical, to utilize not only their expertise, but their considerable resources, to determine species status. For marine mammals, OPR produces stock assessment reports (SARs), sometimes annually, depending on whether new information becomes available. OPR also produces recovery plans for many species to guide activities to eventually delist species that have recovered. Since these mechanisms already exist and we are using them, the task force is unnecessary. The work of the

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proposed task force is already being done and is funded at the federal level, with procedures already in place.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Rachel L. Kailianu	Ho`omana Pono, LLC	Support	Yes

Comments:

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**TESTIMONY OF
PET INDUSTRY JOINT ADVISORY COUNCIL
BEFORE THE
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES &
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
ON HOUSE BILL 2025
February 10, 2015, 8:30 AM**

February 9, 2016

The following testimony is presented on behalf of the Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council (PIJAC) and its membership in opposition to House Bill 2025, establishing a Marine Species Task Force. We appreciate the opportunity to submit our comments before your Committee.

PIJAC is the world's largest pet trade association representing the interests of all segments of the pet industry. PIJAC's membership includes member associations, organizations, and corporations as well as individuals involved in the commercial and hobby pet and aquarium trade. More specifically, we represent the interest of live animal retailers, importers/exporters/ breeders, product manufacturers, wholesale distributors, and hobbyists.

Let me start by saying that nobody cares more about healthy and safe pets than do PIJAC and our members. We have for many years provided a well-respected animal care certification program that is widely utilized by not only persons in the commercial pet trade but shelters, humane societies and institutes of higher education as well. Our association has long been recognized as the voice for a responsible pet trade, and we routinely advocate legislative and regulatory proposals establishing governmental mandates where appropriate to advance the public interest and welfare of pets and the environment. PIJAC works closely with US Department of Agriculture and Department of the Interior to ensure effective enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act, management of threatened or endangered species and control of invasive species, and have since its inception. We regularly work with federal and state agencies as well as local governments to advance animal welfare and environmental interests.

Hawaii's aquarium industry is considered as one of, if not the, best regulated near-shore fishery in the world. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), pursuant to State law, submits a report every five years to the legislature entitled "Relating to the West Hawaii Regional Fishery Management Area." The 2015 Report found that the "The Hawaii marine aquarium fishery is currently the most economically valuable commercial inshore fishery in the State with FY 2014 reported landings greater than \$2.3 million." The regulatory mechanisms covering the Hawaiian aquarium fishery supports the tenets of the sustainable use of renewable natural resources supported in the IUCN's Policy Statement on sustainable use.

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We all want to ensure a healthy and diverse reef. Hawaiians have been fishing for the aquarium trade in a responsible and sustainable manner that makes this law completely unnecessary. PIJAC strongly opposes HB 2025 and encourages the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs to side with science over unfounded accusations. We ask that the committee decline to take up, or defeat, HB873.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Dean Sensui	Hawaii Goes Fishing	Oppose	No

Comments: SB 2025 is going about the process of protecting species in reverse order. Normally a species is found to be at risk, then a protection plan is put into place. SB 2025 is determining in advance that there will be 10 species that need to be found at risk and protected. If studies determine that there are only two species at risk, then limited state funds will be unnecessarily wasted on the protection of eight others. On the other hand, if there are 12 species at risk, then two will go without protection. Rather than direct funding to gather various agencies and representatives for meetings that could turn out to be expensive, it would be better to use those tax dollars to help the Division of Aquatic Resources to expand what it does to understand and manage our fisheries. The staff at the DAR proved their capabilities during the highly publicized sea cucumber incident. They followed up with the reports of mass harvesting, found the parties involved, educated them, ensured their cooperation, and created a management plan that now protects what is an important part of our ocean's ecosystem.. There was no need for a committee to be formed, nor a series of meetings of various groups. The DAR did what it was created to do, and the problem was solved. Let's make the most of our limited funds. Support the DAR so they can get accurate surveys of our fisheries and users so it can develop effective management plans. And support DOCARE so the rules can be enforced. Aloha, Dean Sensui, Hawaii Goes Fishing.

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Tom Lodge	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: OPPOSE! Species protection should come from NEED and SCIENCE... not some order book to fill. This idea of looking for 10 species to designate as threatened, will only, and most likely unnecessarily, add rules and restrictions to recreational activities and as is the case throughout Hawaii, done with little to no science to support much of the recovery activities. Oppose this legislation as being a mining expedition rather than a Scientific One. Much Aloha, Tom Lodge.

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makani	Hunting, Farming and Fishing Association	Oppose	No

Comments: -Not needed -Most of the data used is from our commercial near shore fishermen whom are recognized by legislators as subject matter experts. Please see past resolutions relating to commercial near shore fishermen. Why aren't our subject matter experts on the board? -Best science available? The ocean resource and jobs and feeding people must be based on solid science. -More studies are needed.

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Matthew Ross	Individual	Oppose	Yes

Comments: While this bill is well intentioned, it will do more harm than good. As it stands, practically no marine species are considered to be at risk of extinction due to overharvesting, and those that are have already been listed under the Endangered Species Act. This bill is redundant and would ultimately serve to divert scarce resources that are needed for science, resource management, and enforcement.

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Dylan Armstrong	Individual	Support	No

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Kathy Takahashi	Individual	Oppose	No

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