



**Conservation Council  
for Hawai'i**

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Testimony Submitted to the  
House Committee on Judiciary

Hearing: Tuesday, March 3, 2015 1:05 pm, Room 325

In Support of HB 483 Relating to Ocean Resources

Aloha, Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair San Buenaventura, and Members of the Committee.

The Conservation Council for Hawai'i supports HB 483, which authorizes administrative inspections within the West Hawai'i regional fishery management area.

We defer to you, as well as legal experts, enforcement staff, and members of the West Hawai'i Fishery Council on the details of this bill.

Authority to inspect vessels and catch containers of permitted fishers in the West Hawai'i Regional Fishery Management Area is appropriate and necessary to enforce laws passed by state legislators and regulations adopted by the Board of Land and Natural Resources for this special area.

Here are photos of some of the ocean species that could benefit from HB 483. Although there is no legal take of sea turtles or sharks in the state, for example, such species would benefit because the bill authorizes inspections where there is an attempt to place aquatic resources into interstate or intrastate commerce.

Please kokua. Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

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*Conservation Council for Hawai'i is a nonprofit, environmental membership organization dedicated to protecting native Hawaiian plants, animals, and ecosystems for future generations.*

*Established in 1950 and based in Honolulu, CCH is one of the largest and most effective wildlife organizations in Hawai'i with more than 5,000 members and supporters, including concerned citizens, educators, scientists, government agencies, and elected officials.*

*Through research, education, service, organizing, and legal advocacy, CCH works to stop the destruction of native wildlife and wild places in Hawai'i.*

*Since 1973, CCH has served as the Hawai'i state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.*

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