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

**Friday, February 6, 2015
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 747
RELATING TO THE WEST MAUI OCEAN RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA**

Senate Bill 747 proposes to make permanent the West Maui Ocean Recreation Management Area Advisory Committee (Committee) and adds one member to the committee with a background in ocean safety. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) does not support this measure.**

The Department notes that since its formation in September of 2012, the Committee has only met on a handful of occasions. The current Committee was consulted at the time of the installation of swim buoys at Kamaole Beach and Canoe Beach on Maui. Once the swim buoy project was completed, the Department has received little or no input or comment from the Committee on any West Maui ocean recreation issues. The Department notes that it currently has the ability in Hawaii Administrative Rules §13-256-4 to establish Ocean Recreation Management Area Advisory Committees statewide. For instance, a committee was recently formed to address the issues relating to manta ray viewing on the Island of Hawaii. The Department recommends that committees be formed on an as needed basis.

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