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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT  
STATEWIDE PUBLIC OUTREACH REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A  
NONCOMMERCIAL MARINE FISHING REGISTRY, PERMIT, OR LICENSE  
SYSTEM IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the protection of the State's aquatic resources is  
2 important for cultural, economic, and environmental reasons; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the wise management of aquatic resources is  
5 necessary to ensure these resources are available for future  
6 generations; and  
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8           WHEREAS, fishing registry, permitting, and licensing  
9 systems have proven to be an effective way to manage and protect  
10 aquatic resources in other states; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the State currently requires all commercial  
13 fishers and recreational freshwater game fishers to obtain a  
14 license, and any vessel that is used to fish for certain deep  
15 bottomfish species must be registered; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the State collects fisheries data through these  
18 license and registry systems to inform management in the  
19 Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) of aquatic  
20 resources; and  
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22           WHEREAS, there are no registry, permit, or license  
23 requirements for persons who engage in noncommercial marine  
24 fishing in the State; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the implementation of a noncommercial marine  
27 fishing registry, permit, or license system would allow the  
28 Department to obtain data to more effectively manage these  
29 important fisheries; and



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1           WHEREAS, a noncommercial marine registry, permit, or  
2 license system would also improve the State's ability to conduct  
3 community outreach and education, and to enhance two-way  
4 dialogue with fishers; and

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6           WHEREAS, a noncommercial marine fishing registry, permit,  
7 or license system could provide an additional source of funding  
8 to support improved fisheries stock assessments, habitat  
9 restoration and enhancement, and marine resource enforcement;  
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12           WHEREAS, a noncommercial marine fishing registry, permit,  
13 or license system could improve marine resource enforcement by  
14 providing enforcement officers with the authority to conduct  
15 administrative inspections to monitor compliance with aquatic  
16 resource laws; and

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18           WHEREAS, the Department recently received the final report  
19 of an independent study that analyzed the feasibility of  
20 establishing a noncommercial marine fishing registry, permit, or  
21 license system in Hawaii, and recommended outreach and  
22 discussion with affected stakeholders statewide; now therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
26 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
27 Natural Resources is urged to conduct statewide public outreach  
28 to gather feedback on how a noncommercial marine fishing  
29 registry, permit, or license system would benefit or adversely  
30 impact the State of Hawaii and its people; and

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32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the outreach should seek  
33 specific feedback regarding:

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- 35           (1) The establishment of a noncommercial marine fishing  
36 registry, permit, or license system;
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  - 38           (2) The terms and conditions for registration, permitting,  
39 or licensure;
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  - 41           (3) The fees that should be imposed upon registrants,  
42 permittees, or licensees;



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- 1           (4) The protection and upholding of native Hawaiian  
2           traditional and customary gathering rights and  
3           practices;
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- 5           (5) Any differentiated fees for residents and  
6           nonresidents;
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- 8           (6) Any fee exemptions for certain classes of individuals;
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- 10          (7) The use of moneys collected under a noncommercial  
11          marine fishing registry, permit, or license system,  
12          including the amounts of moneys to be used for system  
13          administration, aquatic resources management,  
14          enforcement, and community outreach and education;
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- 16          (8) The collection, use, and sharing of data;
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- 18          (9) The impact of a noncommercial marine fishing registry,  
19          permit, or license on different segments of the  
20          fishing community, including charter fishing  
21          operations, and measures that can be taken to avoid or  
22          minimize adverse impacts;
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- 24          (10) Privacy concerns arising from any additional  
25          administrative inspection authority conferred upon the  
26          Department through a registry, permit, or license  
27          system;
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- 29          (11) Procedures and requirements for the Department's  
30          regular review of any noncommercial marine registry,  
31          permit, or license system that may be established; and  
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- 33          (12) Any other matters deemed necessary to examine the  
34          benefits and impacts of establishing a noncommercial  
35          marine fishing registry, permit, or license system;  
36          and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
3 Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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