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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE GOAL OF EFFECTIVELY MANAGING THIRTY  
PERCENT OF NEARSHORE WATERS BY 2030.

1           WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 9478, issued on August  
2 26, 2016, emphasized the need to provide critical protections in  
3 the nearshore areas around the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National  
4 Monument for more than 7,000 marine species, including whales  
5 and sea turtles listed under the Endangered Species Act and the  
6 longest-living marine species in the world, black coral, which  
7 live longer than 4,500 years; and

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9           WHEREAS, as ocean acidification, warming, and other impacts  
10 of climate change threaten marine ecosystems, expanding the  
11 Monument will improve ocean resilience, help the region's  
12 distinct physical and biological resources adapt, and create a  
13 natural laboratory that will allow scientists to monitor and  
14 explore the impacts of climate change on these fragile  
15 ecosystems; and

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17           WHEREAS, the expanded Monument area, including the  
18 archipelago and its adjacent waters, is considered a sacred  
19 place for the Native Hawaiian community, plays a significant  
20 role in Native Hawaiian creation and settlement stories, and is  
21 used to practice important activities like traditional long-  
22 distance voyaging and wayfinding; and

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24           WHEREAS, to improve the resilience of corals and ensure  
25 their continued benefit to the State, local stressors that are  
26 within our control need to be effectively managed, including  
27 sediment and nutrient runoff from land, invasive species, and  
28 illegal and unsustainable fishing; and

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30           WHEREAS, the State's commitment to effectively manage  
31 30 per cent of Hawaii's nearshore waters by 2030 should be



1 echoed throughout all state and county agencies that manage  
2 coastal zones; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
5 should exercise its stewardship responsibility for managing,  
6 administering, and exercising control over lands, waters, and  
7 natural resources within the State's jurisdiction; now,  
8 therefore,  
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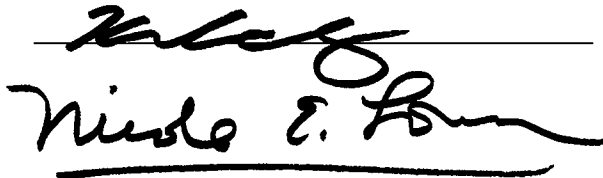
10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2017, that this body urges the Department of Land and Natural  
13 Resources to support the goal of effectively managing 30 per  
14 cent of nearshore waters by 2030; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
17 Natural Resources collaborate with the Office of Hawaiian  
18 Affairs in the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural resources  
19 within the nearshore waters area, including the customary and  
20 traditional rights and practices of Native Hawaiians exercised  
21 for subsistence, cultural, and religious purposes under Section  
22 7 of Article XII of the State Constitution; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
25 Natural Resources report its findings and recommendations, and  
26 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20  
27 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
31 Land and Natural Resources and Chair of the Board of Trustees of  
32 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.  
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OFFERED BY:



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