

HB-1751

Submitted on: 1/27/2018 8:52:10 AM

Testimony for OMH on 1/30/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shyla Moon		Oppose	No

Comments:

Strongly oppose. We do not need to create more marine protects areas especially if we can barely manage what we have now.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 10:04:51 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 11:27:48 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Grigsby		Support	No

Comments:

I support HB1751 as a means to protect aquatic resources and to prevent overutilization of these areas. The scientific studies of marine protected areas show the stark difference between these areas and areas where utilization is less or not regulated. In a time of impending climate stress, it is essential that habitat be set aside for preservation of the aquatic resources of our islands.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Submitted on: 1/27/2018 1:40:10 PM

Testimony for OMH on 1/30/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Javier Mendez-Alvarez		Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/27/2018 6:01:37 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vivian S. Toellner	Hui Pono Holoholona	Support	No

Comments:

Hui Pono Holoholona strongly supports HB1751 and any efforts the legislature can take to strengthen laws that will protect Hawai'i's coral reefs, reef wildlife and aquatic resources. The time is now to take action given what we know about climate change, ocean pollution, coral bleaching and the decline in many rare plant and animal species. As the endangered species capitol of the world, we must do better at this critical moment in time, for ourselves and future generations. The simple solution is for the state to increase protection of Hawai`i aquatic resources. This will significantly benefit the economy in the short and long term, protect and increase reef wildlife, reduce animal cruelty and decrease government expenditures.

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 12:12:19 PM

Testimony for OMH on 1/30/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Cheung		Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 12:46:31 PM

Testimony for OMH on 1/30/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jim Hori, DDS		Oppose	No

Comments:

STRONG OPPOSITION

I strongly oppose this bill because it allows over stepping of the legislature instead of using science to effectively manage our resources for sustainability, security, and public accessibility!

Sincerely,

Jim Hori, DDS

Oahu Fishermen

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Submitted on: 1/28/2018 10:21:37 AM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl M Jellings Sr	Fishermen	Oppose	Yes

Comments:

Strong Opposition

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Submitted on: 1/28/2018 3:54:17 PM

Testimony for OMH on 1/30/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
William K. Chang	Citizen	Oppose	No

Comments:

There is no scientific data to back up

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Submitted on: 1/28/2018 6:55:57 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James Silva	Waialua Boat Club	Oppose	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 1/29/2018 8:17:29 AM

Testimony for OMH on 1/30/2018 9:45:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randall Nishimura		Oppose	No

Comments:

Perhaps the better approach would be to improve the habitat of the herbivorous species. Coral degradation and impacts from ecotourism are as much a cause of herbivorous species reduction as fishing and in some cases even worse.

January 29, 2018

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

DATE: Tuesday, January 30, 2018

TIME: 9:45 am

PLACE: Conference Room 312

HB1751 – RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES

Honorable Chair Ing, Vice Chair DeCoite and Members of the House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources and Hawaiian Affairs:

STRONG OPPOSITION

While I support the ability of the Administration to have a large “tool bag” of management options to effectively manage our aquatic resources, I strongly oppose HB1751 as it serves to statutorily establish a network of marine protected areas over-stepping the separation of duties between the State Legislature and the Administration.

HB1751 serves to statutorily mandate the administration and management direction of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Aquatic Resources and its Chapter 91 Administrative Rulemaking authorities statutorily provided. It is the Department’s and Division’s responsibility and authority to initiate and analyze the necessary science monitor the status of aquatic resources and initiate actions to effectively manage these resources to ensure their sustainability, security and accessibility by the public and does not require legislative action(s) to perform such duties.

To legislate the goal toward the effective management of 30-percent of the State’s nearshore resources denies the Department and Division the flexibility necessary to “effectively manage” and handcuffs their ability to utilize alternative management measures and to quickly and effectively respond to changing conditions and situations affecting aquatic resources if they need to wait for the next legislative session to initiate action.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

Respectfully,

Roy N. Morioka, Oahu Fisherman

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Tuesday, January 30, 2018
9:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1751
RELATING TO AQUATIC RESOURCES**

House Bill 1751 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), through its Division of Aquatic Resources, to establish a network of marine protected areas which includes no-take areas and herbivore replenishment areas, in coastal fishing areas with the most critical fish depletion. **The Department appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department appreciates the spirit of this measure and recognizes the benefits of a well-planned network of marine managed areas to enhance fish biomass, ecosystem health, and biodiversity that support a sustainable nearshore environment. The Department is currently in the process of developing a plan to reach the goal of effectively managing thirty percent of the State's nearshore marine resources by 2030 (the Marine 30x30 Initiative). This plan involves a collaborative effort to develop a network of marine managed areas using marine spatial planning software. The software uses a robust dataset of fisheries, oceanographic, habitat, and socioeconomic data to help determine which nearshore marine areas would provide the most benefit to our nearshore marine resources. With this information, the Department will then work together with stakeholders to determine appropriate measure to achieve effective management in at least thirty percent of coastal waters.

As written, this measure would require marine protected areas to be established only in coastal fishing areas with the most critical depletion of fish stock. The Department has concerns with this provision, as fishing pressure is only one of many factors contributing to declines in fish stock. Often times, the most depleted areas are also areas most heavily impacted by coastal development, changes in freshwater input, pollution, and invasive species. Protecting these areas

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from fishing may not bring back fish populations and ecosystem health as intended. Our recommendation is to instead, rely on the spatial management approach the Department is currently pursuing that considers a whole suite of biophysical and socioeconomic factors in selecting a network of marine management sites. These spatial plans will be vetted by stakeholders, managers, and scientists for the appropriate designation within the Marine 30x30 Initiative. Spatial plans could entail the spatial designations listed in this measure if deemed appropriate by the various planning groups and the Department as well as supported by the biophysical and socioeconomic data used in the spatial analysis.

The Department recommends that the Legislature allow the Marine 30x30 Initiative planning process to continue. The plan will be finalized by 2019.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John Kaneko	Hawaii Seafood Council	Comments	No

Comments:

HB 1751 assumes that 30% of the shoreline areas need to be placed under Marine Protected Areas. The bill would be strengthened through requiring a science-based process that makes the marine resources management decisions on MPAs, rather than what appears to be an arbitrary objective of sequestering 30% of the State nearshore areas. The bill also needs to reconcile the use of "community-based management" with the State's obligation to manage marine resources for the benefit of the Public, and not specific communities. Community-based management needs to be defined and address the public needs.

John Kaneko Program Manager, Hawaii Seafood Council