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**SB-1136**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Stuart Coleman	Testifying for Surfrider Foundation	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and Committee Members,

Surfrider's Hawaii Chapters support this bill to night-time scuba fishing without a permit to support the health of our coral reefs, which are already in decline. These fish eat the algae on the reefs and help maintain a healthy ecosystem, but their populations have been greatly reduced due to illegal fishing. The flashlights disturb the fish, and the reefs are often damaged by their fins and equipment. Along with the ecological damage to our reefs and ecosystems, these collection practices will also hurt our economy if tourists see that our coral reefs are dying and there are no fish. Mahalo for your consideration and support of this important bill.

Aloha, Stuart Coleman, Hawaii Manager

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Natalie Parra	Testifying for Keiko Conservation	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/7/2019 7:44:48 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Christopher Kepler	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

**I do not support SB1136. I have been a fisherman (pole/spear day/night) since I was 5 years old. I am now 46. I have NEVER myself used scuba while night diving. But I oppose this measure because this is a SELECTIVE type of fishing. The answer lies in bag limits with STRICT penalties and LARGE fines. And in educating the public on conservation and selection. Please do not ban the selective aquatic hunting and gathering techniques. Thank you.**