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Testimony for JHA on 2/16/2021 2:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

I oppose this bill

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ron Dellinger	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support HB1023

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Teresa L Nakama	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I Teresa L. Nakama hereby state that I'm strongly opposed to HB1023. We live on Islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean and should not be charged any fee for any license for it is our customary right to gather our marine resource. We have voiced our opposition time and time again at every public hearing regarding this issue. Please protect our rights without any license to fish recreationally to feed our ohana.

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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
2:00 PM

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1023, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO A NONRESIDENT RECREATIONAL MARINE FISHING LICENSE

House Bill 1023, House Draft 1 proposes to establish a nonresident recreational marine fishing license requirement and fees to enable the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to more effectively manage the marine fisheries resources of the State. **The Department supports this Administration bill and offers the following comments.**

Hawaii's marine fishing opportunities attract thousands of visitors each year. With ever increasing pressure on the State's marine fishery resources, it is critical that the State identify and develop sustainable sources of funding to effectively manage its fisheries. Nonresident fishers directly benefit from the enjoyment of Hawaii's marine fishery resources without directly contributing to management of those resources.

The concept of a non-commercial marine fishing license has been introduced in the past, most recently in 2018 (House Bill 1752; Senate Bill 2052). Both measures met resistance from resident fishers, who indicated that a fee-based fishing license was financially burdensome, infringed on fishing rights, and needed more public outreach prior to legislation. A recreational marine license requirement that would only apply to nonresidents would avoid most of these concerns.

Given the increased budget constraints due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a nonresident recreational marine license and associated fees would provide a much-needed source of revenue to the State for marine fisheries management. License revenues could also be used as match for federal funds received through the Federal Sportfish Restoration Program. Current sources of State match have been adversely affected by budget reductions, and as a result, the Department risks not being able to maximize federal funding opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Inga Gibson	Pono Advocacy, For the Fishes	Comments	No

Comments:

Dear Chair Nakashima and House Judiciary & Hawaiian Affairs Committee members:

We respectfully request 1 amendment below, to amend the word "shall" to "may" so DLNR can retain its discretionary authority in issuing the newly proposed non-resident recreational marine licenses. This discretion is consistent with their existing authority and the issuance of other marine licenses.

Page 3, line 8 (b) Nonresident recreational marine fishing licenses ~~shall~~ **may**

Thank you for consideration of this important amendment.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Randy Fernley	Coral Fish Hawaii / Hawaii Sustainable Reef Fisheries	Support	No

Comments:

The DLNR needs more data on the amount of fish caught in Hawaiian waters. Without this data, other fisheries will suffer