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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIVISION OF AQUATIC RESOURCES AND DIVISION OF
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT TO COLLABORATE WITH
FEDERAL PARTNER AGENCIES TO PROTECT IMPORTANT STATE MARINE
RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, there have been increasing concerns over human and
2 vessel-based interactions with spinner dolphins, other marine
3 mammals, and sea turtles; and
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5 WHEREAS, spinner dolphins, other marine mammals, and sea
6 turtles are indigenous wildlife; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
9 Division of Aquatic Resources is responsible for managing,
10 conserving, and restoring the State's unique aquatic resources,
11 including indigenous wildlife and ecosystems, for present and
12 future generations; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
15 Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement upholds the
16 laws that serve to protect, conserve, and manage the State's
17 unique and limited natural, cultural, and historic resources and
18 has entered into a cooperative enforcement agreement with the
19 Secretary of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric
20 Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, and law
21 enforcement services under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
22 Conservation and Management Act, the Endangered Species Act of
23 1973, the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, the Lacey Act
24 Amendments of 1981, and the National Marine Sanctuaries Act; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
27 administrative rules regarding marine indigenous wildlife,
28 particularly spinner dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles,
29 should be strengthened and updated to complement existing
30 federal regulations; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
 2 should consult with federal partner agencies to explore new
 3 measures that would expand upon existing measures to manage
 4 these indigenous wildlife; and

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 6 WHEREAS, the State has received federal and private grants
 7 for the conservation of protected marine species, including
 8 Hawaiian monk seals, sea turtles, and false killer whales; and


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 10 WHEREAS, there exists a number of potential funding sources
 11 from federal and private agencies that could help improve
 12 management of these indigenous wildlife, especially given
 13 limited state resources; now, therefore,

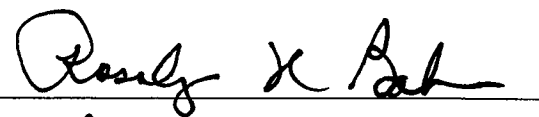
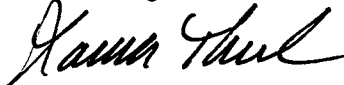
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 15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
 17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
 18 and Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources is requested
 19 to strengthen administrative rules governing the protection of
 20 indigenous marine wildlife, particularly spinner dolphins,
 21 marine mammals, and sea turtles; and

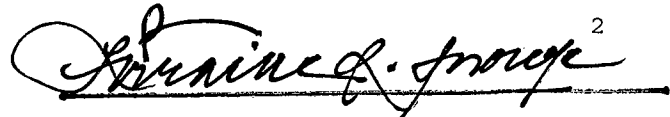
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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
 24 Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources and Division of
 25 Conservation and Resource Enforcement increase collaboration
 26 with federal partners on federal rules related to spinner
 27 dolphins, marine mammals, and sea turtles; and

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 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
 30 Natural Resources Division of Aquatic Resources and Division of
 31 Conservation and Resource Enforcement continue to explore
 32 additional mechanisms to access federal and private funding for
 33 the protection of marine mammals and sea turtles; and

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 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 37 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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