
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT
STATEWIDE PUBLIC OUTREACH REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
NONCOMMERCIAL MARINE FISHING REGISTRY, PERMIT, OR LICENSE
SYSTEM IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the protection of the State's aquatic resources is
2 important for cultural, economic, and environmental reasons; and
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4 WHEREAS, the wise management of aquatic resources is
5 necessary to ensure these resources are available for future
6 generations; and
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8 WHEREAS, fishing registry, permitting, and licensing
9 systems have proven to be an effective way to manage and protect
10 aquatic resources in other states; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State currently requires all commercial
13 fishers and recreational freshwater game fishers to obtain a
14 license, and any vessel that is used to fish for certain deep
15 bottomfish species must be registered; and
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17 WHEREAS, the State collects fisheries data through these
18 license and registry systems to inform management in the
19 Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) of aquatic
20 resources; and
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22 WHEREAS, there are no registry, permit, or license
23 requirements for persons who engage in noncommercial marine
24 fishing in the State; and
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26 WHEREAS, the implementation of a noncommercial marine
27 fishing registry, permit, or license system would allow the
28 Department to obtain data to more effectively manage these
29 important fisheries; and



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1 WHEREAS, a noncommercial marine registry, permit, or
2 license system would also improve the State's ability to conduct
3 community outreach and education, and to enhance two-way
4 dialogue with fishers; and

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6 WHEREAS, a noncommercial marine fishing registry, permit,
7 or license system could provide an additional source of funding
8 to support improved fisheries stock assessments, habitat
9 restoration and enhancement, and marine resource enforcement;
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12 WHEREAS, a noncommercial marine fishing registry, permit,
13 or license system could improve marine resource enforcement by
14 providing enforcement officers with the authority to conduct
15 administrative inspections to monitor compliance with aquatic
16 resource laws; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Department recently received the final report
19 of an independent study that analyzed the feasibility of
20 establishing a noncommercial marine fishing registry, permit, or
21 license system in Hawaii, and recommended outreach and
22 discussion with affected stakeholders statewide; now therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2017, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
27 urged to conduct statewide public outreach to gather feedback on
28 how a noncommercial marine fishing registry, permit, or license
29 system would benefit or adversely impact the State of Hawaii and
30 its people; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the outreach should seek
33 specific feedback regarding:

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- 35 (1) The establishment of a noncommercial marine fishing
36 registry, permit, or license system;
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 - 38 (2) The terms and conditions for registration, permitting,
39 or licensure;



- 1 (3) The fees that should be imposed upon registrants,
2 permittees, or licensees;
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- 4 (4) The protection and upholding of native Hawaiian
5 traditional and customary gathering rights and
6 practices;
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- 8 (5) Any differentiated fees for residents and
9 nonresidents;
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- 11 (6) Any fee exemptions for certain classes of individuals;
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- 13 (7) The use of moneys collected under a noncommercial
14 marine fishing registry, permit, or license system,
15 including the amounts of moneys to be used for system
16 administration, aquatic resources management,
17 enforcement, and community outreach and education;
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- 19 (8) The collection, use, and sharing of data;
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- 21 (9) The impact of a noncommercial marine fishing registry,
22 permit, or license on different segments of the
23 fishing community, including charter fishing
24 operations, and measures that can be taken to avoid or
25 minimize adverse impacts;
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- 27 (10) Privacy concerns arising from any additional
28 administrative inspection authority conferred upon the
29 Department through a registry, permit, or license
30 system;
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- 32 (11) Procedures and requirements for the Department's
33 regular review of any noncommercial marine registry,
34 permit, or license system that may be established; and
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- 36 (12) Any other matters deemed necessary to examine the
37 benefits and impacts of establishing a noncommercial
38 marine fishing registry, permit, or license system;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Land and Natural Resources.
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