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URGING THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
TO AGGRESSIVELY INCORPORATE WATER LAWS AND MANAGEMENT CONCERNS
OF THE WESTERN STATES AND ISLAND GOVERNMENTS IN ITS DECISIONS
AND URGING CONGRESS TO CLARIFY THE FEDERAL POWER ACT
TO REQUIRE FULFILLMENT OF THE WATER LAWS
OF THE WESTERN STATES AND ISLAND GOVERNMENTS

Statement for Senate Committee on
Energy and Natural Resources
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This resolution expresses the concern of the Hawaii State Legislature about driftnet fishing and would urge the President of the United States and the United States Congress to suspend trade relations with nations supporting driftnet fishing.

Our statement on this resolution do not represent and institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The intent of this resolution is admirable. However, the use of suspended trade relations with nations supporting driftnet fishing is not likely to be a viable approach to the issue. Suspension of trade relations with nations such as Japan would have such far reaching economic ramifications that achievement of this resolve is unrealistic. Alternatives include:

- 1) Require all fish products obtained by driftnet fishing to be prominently labeled as such, so as to provide the consumer with a choice.
- 2) Sponsor educational programs on the devastation caused by driftnet fishing. In-store information, newspaper articles, TV specials and Public Service announcements would serve to educate the consumer and allow them to make educated choices.
- 3) Initiate specific sanctions against driftnet products such as tariffs and market exclusion.
- 4) Place international observers on driftnet boats to record incidental catches of endangered species.