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**HB 2108, HD 1**  
**RELATING TO FISHING REGULATIONS**

**Statement for**  
**Senate Committee on**  
**Economic Development**  
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HB 2108 would amend the present law regarding the use of nets and traps in fishing, HRS 188-29(a). This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The present law prohibits, in general, the use of nets with a stretched mesh less than 2 inches or the use of traps that do not meet certain criteria. This general prohibition is, however, modified by six provisions for exceptions to the mesh-size criterion for nets and a provision defining the applicability of the criteria for traps. The proposed amendment is in the form of a seventh provision applicable to net mesh size which would constitute a further exception to the general minimum 2-inch stretched mesh criterion.

In contrast to the general criterion, the 1½ inches is not specifically identified as a stretched mesh criterion. We recommend editing the proposed subsection 7 to read: "...less than one and one-half inches stretched mesh only to bag..." We are uncertain why a mesh exemption is necessary for a net used to transport or "bag" fish already captured, or why if one were necessary, why it should be restricted to the nets used to transport fish captured only by encircling nets.