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HB 1749
RELATING TO WAIMEA BAY

Statement for
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HB 1749 would add to Chapter 188 of Hawaii Revised Statutes a new section providing certain restrictions on the use of the waters of Waimea Bay, Oahu. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The first proposed restriction is a prohibition against operating any motorized vessel or device in the Bay except as necessary for the performance of official duties by officers or employees of public agencies. This restriction would contribute significantly to the safety of swimmers and surfers. The second proposed restriction is a prohibition against fishing in the bay other than by the use of single lines with no more than two hooks per line. This too would contribute significantly to the safety of swimmers and surfers and also to fish conservation.

In summary, the restrictions as proposed in HB 1749 are appropriate.