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SB 2402-86 FISH AGGREGATION DEVICES

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SB 2402-86 proposes certain amendments of HRS 189-15 relating to fish aggregation devices. This statement on the bill does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Our sole concern with SB 2402-86 relates to the proposed prohibition of the use of live bait within 1000 yards of a fish aggregation device. We do not understand the rationale for this proposed prohibition, and consider that it would unduly hamper the taking of fish such as aku.