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HB 772

RELATING TO SHORELINE PROTECTION

House Committee on
Water and Land Use Planning

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HB 772 amends Chapter 205A to establish penalties for various aspects of unpermitted work performed within the shoreline.

Our statement on this measure does not constitute an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

This measure appears intended to provide strong disincentives to either performance or contract of performance of unpermitted work in the shoreline area. We note that there are a number of measures before the Legislature this session which focus on shoreline management. To the degree that these proposals reflect increased concern over unwise proliferation of seawalls and other structures in the shoreline, our reviewers welcome the legislative attention. However, we caution that management initiatives ought to be coordinated to ensure that regulatory or jurisdictional conflicts do not arise from enactment of these bills.

In addition to specifying that work performed in the shoreline area be done by licensed contractors, we note that given the sensitivity of the region, the services of a licensed professional engineer should also be required.