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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT AN OPIHI MANAGEMENT STUDY.

1 WHEREAS, opihi comprises four species of saltwater Hawaiian  
2 limpets that are found nowhere else on Earth; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the popularity of opihi as a delicacy has led to  
5 statewide overharvesting and the decline of natural populations;  
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8 WHEREAS, in the past century, there was a ten-fold decline  
9 in the amount of opihi available in markets, and the average  
10 amount of opihi has further been halved in the past forty years;  
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13 WHEREAS, the key to increasing the sustainable harvest of  
14 opihi is protecting a portion of opihi populations so that they  
15 may reproduce and create the next generation; now, therefore,  
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
18 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
19 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
20 Land and Natural Resources is requested to conduct an opihi  
21 management study on the replenishment of natural populations of  
22 all Hawaiian opihi species; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the study:  
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26 (1) Encompass all islands of the State, including the  
27 Northwestern Hawaiian Islands;  
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29 (2) Recommend best management practices for each island  
30 area; and  
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(3) Recommend effective enforcement mechanisms for  
implementing the best management practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the  
Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to consult  
with the Aha Moku Advisory Committee and any other individual or  
entity that has expertise that is relevant to the study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Department of Land and Natural  
Resources is requested to submit its findings and  
recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
Legislature no later than December 19, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
Board of Land and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY:



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