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Statement of LEO R. ASUNCION

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SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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in consideration of HB 1969, HD 1, SD 1

RELATING TO FOOD SUSTAINABILITY

Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means.

The Office of Planning provides the following comments for HB 1969, HD 1, SD1. HB 1969, HD 1, SD1 requires the Department of Agriculture, in coordination with the Office of Planning and the Department of Land and Natural Resources, to prepare and periodically update a seafood management study that expands the State's priority on food by including wild seafood as a viable food source.

The Office of Planning defers to the Department of Agriculture regarding the financing and implementation of preparing a seafood management study.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.