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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
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JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
&
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1922 HD1
RELATING TO WILDLIFE

House Bill 1922 HD1 proposes to expand the Department's rulemaking authority to include any rule deemed necessary to protect certain wildlife; and temporarily adopt, amend, or repeal certain natural resource rules by formal action at a publicly noticed meeting if the board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to impacted natural resources or in light of newly available technology or data. **The Department supports this measure.**

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
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Comments:

It is very important that we can stop threats to our wildlife as soon as we notice there might be a problem. This was so when some "others" came in to collect all our sea cucumbers a while back. There are no laws about a harvesting limit to live sea creatures such as cowries or other rarish shells. We can't always rely on people to be smart if they aren't connected to the aina.