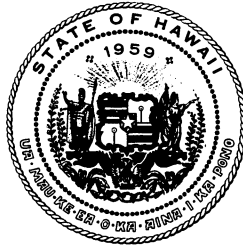


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The Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
State Capitol, Room 003
Honolulu, Hawai`i 96813

Dear Mr. President:

I transmit to you a copy of our report, *Management Audit of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement*.

We found that although there are laws and rules to protect Hawai`i's resources and the public's safety, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement have not provided the leadership necessary to result in effective and efficient enforcement. Unless aggressive action is taken to address the weaknesses noted in this report, Hawai`i's natural and cultural resources will continue to deteriorate.

We hope that the report will assist you in reviewing the issues examined. We will place the report on our website, www.state.hi.us/auditor, and release it to the public and press, on Thursday, January 5, 2006.

Sincerely,

for Marion M. Higa
State Auditor

Enclosure

c: vPaul Kawaguchi, Senate Clerk