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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON  
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

on House Bill 2376 - RELATING TO THE STATE FIRE COUNCIL

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON  
PUBLIC SAFETY & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

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House Bill 2376 will require the State Fire Council to develop a statewide brushfire mitigation plan and appropriate funds. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of this measure but notes that the appropriation needed to implement may adversely impact the priorities in the Executive Supplemental Budget.

The Department has the training and experience to manage wildland fire prevention, presuppression and suppression activities throughout the State for lands under the Department's authority. The Department has mutual aid agreements with each county for wildland fire suppression and are actively involved with each county's wildland fire responses and coordination in the State. The Department is eager to work with the counties to develop a comprehensive statewide wildland fire mitigation plan that will benefit all citizens in the leeward areas of the islands.