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

on Senate Concurrent Resolution 43 and Senate Resolution 18 - Requesting The Establishment Of A Makua Valley Task Force

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS

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Senate Concurrent Resolution 43 and Senate Resolution 18 request the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) convene a task force to address the concerns of the Waianae community regarding the U.S. Army's use of Makua Valley. Although recognizing the intent, the Department does not support these resolutions.

The Department believes that Makua Valley is rich in cultural resources and the creation of a Makua Valley Task Force provides an opportunity to discuss appropriate management of the Valley however it seems premature since the Army has a lease (GL 3848) with the Department for training in Makua Valley, which expires on 8/16/2029. The Department notes that it has not had any conversations with the Army on continuing their use of the Valley after 2029.