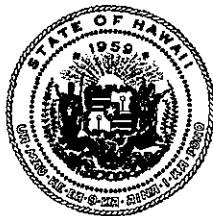
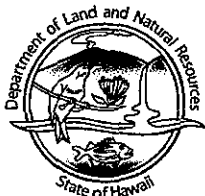


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**Before the Senate Committees on
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**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 73/SENATE RESOLUTION 44
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO CONVENE MEETINGS WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO
ADDRESS STEWARDSHIP ISSUES AND AFFIRM THE STATE'S COMMITMENT TO
A COOPERATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VARIED MEMBERS OF THE
COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN MAUNA KEA AND ITS UNIQUE SPIRITUAL,
CULTURAL, HISTORICAL, AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 73/Senate Resolution 44 resolves that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and the University of Hawaii convene meetings with stakeholders to address stewardship issues and affirm the States commitment to a cooperative relationship with all. While the Department understands the intension of these resolutions, the Department asks that the Legislature understand that given the budgetary cuts the Department has had to absorb this fiscal year and further cuts proposed in the Executive Biennium Budget request, the Department's personnel and fiscal resources are being spread thin, and already impacting departmental priorities.

The Department will continue our efforts regarding Mauna Kea in a collaborative manner, but we cannot administer and support yet another unfunded working group.

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