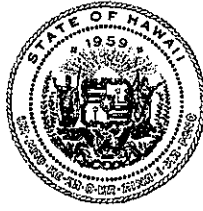
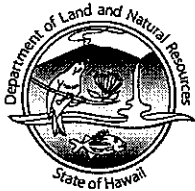


SB1312

RELATING TO THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION.
Authorizes the Chairperson of the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to designate a representative from the Natural Area Reserves System Commission to serve on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission and authorizes the members of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission to elect their own chairperson.

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**Testimony of
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING**

**Tuesday, February 28, 2012
1:20PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1312
RELATING TO THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

Senate Bill 1312 proposes to allow the Chairperson of the Natural Area Reserve System Commission (NARSC) to delegate his or her statutory ex officio membership on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (LLCC) to another member of the NARSC, and it allows the LLCC to elect a chairperson from among its members. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration measure as a necessary improvement to the structure of these commissions.

Currently, Chapter 173A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires that the NARSC Chairperson also serve as the ex officio Chairperson of the LLCC. This arrangement places a disproportionate amount of responsibility on the NARSC Chairperson. Members of state boards and commissions are unpaid and commit a large amount of time and attention toward serving the State, and members that serve as chairpersons have additional leadership and representative duties.

This bill would give the NARSC Chairperson the flexibility to either serve on the LLCC or select a designated representative from among the NARSC members, depending on the chair's interest, workload, and capacity to serve on both commissions.

The Department strongly supports Senate Bill 1312 as a measure that would distribute the workload more evenly and fairly between the members of these commissions, befitting these volunteers and allowing them to better serve the public.

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Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i
Supporting S.B. 1312 Relating to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing
Tuesday, February 28, 2012, 1:20PM, Room 225

The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Hawai'i's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands for native species in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 10 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.

The Nature Conservancy supports S.B. 1312 to allow the chairperson of the Natural Area Reserve System Commission (NARSC) to appoint a designee to serve on the Legacy Land Commission (LLC) and for the LLC to elect a chair from its members. This amendment will provide important relief to the presently over-burdened volunteer position of NARSC chair.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

I fear what may happen in the future if we put such long rope out there and are not paying attention to something we believe we don't have to be watching close. I think we need to keep clear sight, to keep from future problems that have happened in other areas such as this that were left unwatched.