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COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

H.B. 988, H.D.2, S.D.1, RELATING TO NATIVE WILDLIFE

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Director of Health

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1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health opposes this measure.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Uncertain.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** HB988, HD2, SD1 proposes to include a provision for support of
4 operations of an environmental disaster standby and response facility that would be responsible for the
5 recovery and rehabilitation of native wildlife due to oil or fuel-related disasters. While the department
6 appreciates the intent of this measure, we believe that this intent coupled with possible funding and the
7 establishment of a separate special fund may reduce the flexibility of response programs to carry out
8 their statutory responsibilities. Furthermore, the department is concerned that this measure may be
9 conflict with the Administration proposals (HB857/SB1088) and other legislative proposals that seeks to
10 reallocate the Environmental Response, Energy, and Food Security Tax ("barrel tax"). The proposed
11 reallocation will significantly strengthen Hawaii's environmental response, energy and food security
12 responsibilities. The Department defers to the Department of Agriculture (AG), the Department of
13 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT), Department of Taxation (TAX), and Budget
14 and Finance (B&F) to determine more specific impacts of the their respective potential revenues and the
15 administration this provision. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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