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**Before the House Committees on
WATER & LAND
and
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Monday, March 25, 2013
8:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 145
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT
COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAHALUU,
KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF AN
EXISTING CONCRETE WALL AND FOOTING**

House Concurrent Resolution 145 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 63 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 4-7-019:seaward of 078, at Kahaluu, Koolaupoko, Oahu for maintenance and repair of existing seawall constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this concurrent resolution.**

The owners of the abutting property, David Knox and Beverly Hoversland, were in the process of obtaining a shoreline certification. During the survey process, portion of the concrete wall and footing were found encroaching on State lands located makai of the shoreline and therefore considered as submerged lands. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on December 14, 2012, under agenda item D-14, the Board approved the issuance of a new term, non-exclusive easement for concrete wall and footing purposes.

The Department notes an additional area of non-submerged lands consisting of 1,543 square feet, more or less, for landscaping purposes, is also included in the easement request from the owners.

The Lessee is required to pay the State the fair market value of the easement as consideration for the use of public lands. The amount of consideration is to be determined by independent appraisal.

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