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Comments: I applaud this Act for a Bill.

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

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

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 139/HOUSE RESOLUTION 109
RELATING TO MEMORIALS**

House Concurrent Resolution 139/House Resolution 109 proposes to establish a Coastal Memorials Task Force within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to evaluate the practice of erecting coastal memorials with respect to the safety of beach users, to develop standards to regulate the practice of erecting memorials, and consider the size, placement, and duration of coastal memorials in its review, and other matters. **While the Department acknowledges the intent of these resolutions, the Department is unable to support them at this time.**

The Department continues to face severe budget cutbacks. The Department's general fund appropriations and special fund revenues have dropped significantly over the last several years. The bill imposes duties that would require a substantial amount of staff time and funding. The Department simply does not have the resources and staffing necessary to undertake the additional duties that would be required under this bill.

The Department recognizes that the establishment of any land use within the Conservation District requires authorization, and that most coastal memorials that are located seaward of the shoreline in the Conservation District have not received proper authorization.

The Department respectfully ask that these resolutions be tabled to give the Department more time to consider how to manage the situation within its current regulatory and management framework, prior to compelling us to form a new task force that will further inhibit our ability to manage the core functions of the Department.