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

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In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 106 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIKIKI, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF AN **EXISTING PIER**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 260 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 3-6-001:seaward of 021, at Waikiki, Honolulu, Oahu for maintenance and repair of existing pier constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this concurrent resolution.

The prior owners of the abutting property, Mr. & Mrs. Kenton Eldridge, applied to the Department for a non-exclusive easement for pier purposes over State 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 January 11, 2013, under agenda item D-9, the Board approved the issuance of a new term, non-exclusive easement for pier purposes.

The Department notes that the area of the pier is 260 square feet pursuant to the map approved by the Department of Accounting and General Services, Survey Division dated February 4, 2013.

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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