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## **Before the House Committee on** OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, March 19, 2014 9:00 A.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 119** AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT FOR SEAWALL PURPOSES FOR THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY (1) 6-8-010:SEAWARD OF 014 AT MOKULEIA, WAIALUA, OAHU, HAWAII

House Concurrent Resolution 119 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 143 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 6-8-010:seaward of 014, at Mokuleia, Waialua, 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 Department notes that House Concurrent Resolution 119 is similar to House Concurrent Resolution 25 which was introduced on behalf of the Administration for the current session.

The current owner of the abutting property, Sutton Family Partners, worked with the Department to resolve the encroachment. The seawall was found encroaching on State lands located makai of the shoreline and such area should be 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 May 24, 2013, under agenda item D-12, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for seawall purposes.

The grantee shall pay the State the fair market value of the easement as consideration for the use of public lands. The amount of consideration shall be determined by an independent appraisal.

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