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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3063, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF LANDS IN WAIPIO VALLEY

Senate Bill 3063, Senate Draft 1, proposes to establish a working group and appropriate unspecified general funds for the purchase of land located in Waipi'o Valley, Island of Hawai'i, from the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill.**

The Department supports collaborating with the proposed working group members to explore the most beneficial actions for the possible acquisitions. Identification of important natural, cultural, and historic resources for protection is the first step in determining how to strategically manage and protect these resources. Any acquisition of lands or interests in lands would be subject to regular due diligence procedures of the Department, including the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources under Section 171-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and the approval of the Attorney General required under Section 107-10, HRS.

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