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Testimony of WILLIAM J. AILA, JR. Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

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In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE AND EASEMENT OF CERTAIN SUBMERGED LANDS AT MANELE BAY, LANA'I, TO LANA'I RESORTS, LLC.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 authorizes the issuance of a lease and easement of certain submerged lands at Manele Bay, Lana'i, to Lana'i Resorts, LLC. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.

The Legislature authorized the issuance of a similar lease and easement to Castle & Cooke, Inc., who then renamed the corporation to Lana'i Resorts, LLC, which was subsequently purchased by Mr. Larry Ellison. The initial lease and easement called for a marina to be built but after the recent tsunami events it was determined that a marina would not be feasible in this area and a single floating dock would be more appropriate. The Department also appreciates the commitment of Lana'i Resorts, LLC in maintaining the Manele Small Boat Harbor landscaping and ferry passenger waiting areas.