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Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

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In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 16 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT HEEIA, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING PIER

Senate Concurrent Resolution 16 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 589 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 4-6-001:seaward of 014, at Heeia, Koolaupoko, 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 current owners of the abutting property, Bernice Bailey, Frederick Bailey, Jr., and Susan Koehler, worked with the Department to resolve the encroachment. The pier 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 December 14, 2012, under agenda item D-13, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for pier purposes.

The Department hired the appraisal firm of Appraisal Hawaii, Inc. who determined the one-time payment fair market value of the easement is \$11,200.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

