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Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

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In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KUALOA, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING SEAWALL AND STEPS

Senate Concurrent Resolution 21 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 448 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 4-9-009:seaward of 005, at Kualoa, Koolaupoko, maintenance and repair of existing seawall and steps 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 owner of the abutting property, Minatoya Real Estate, LLC, worked with the Department to resolve the encroachment. The seawall and steps were 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 January 11, 2013, under agenda item D-11, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for seawall and steps purposes.

The Department hired the appraisal firm of Appraisal Hawaii, Inc. who determined the one-time payment fair market value of the easement is \$18,100.

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