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**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

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1:05 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 56  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE COVERING A PORTION OF STATE  
SUBMERGED LANDS AT PIERS 24 TO 26 IN HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU FOR  
PACIFIC SHIPYARDS INTERNATIONAL**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 56 requests the authorization to issue a lease covering a portion of state submerged lands at Piers 24 to 26 in Honolulu Harbor, Oahu for shipyard and drydock operations and for vessels under repair, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (“Department”) opposes this concurrent resolution and offers the following comments.**

The Department considers the subject resolution to be premature. The submerged lands at Piers 24 to 26 are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation (“DOT”) pursuant to a Governor’s executive order. Before the subject submerged lands can be leased to Pacific Shipyards International (PSI), DOT would first have to approve the terms and conditions of the lease, and the Board of Land and Natural Resources (“Board”) would have to consent to it, pursuant to Section 171-11, HRS. Once the necessary approval and consent are secured, the proposed lease would then be presented to the Legislature for approval.

Our understanding is that DOT has not yet approved the issuance of lease to PSI, and the Board has not consented to it. As such, there are no lease terms or conditions for the Legislature to consider and approve, and the resolution is therefore premature.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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