

SCR 60/SR28

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IN HAWAII.

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

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**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 60/SENATE RESOLUTION 28
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Senate Concurrent Resolution 60/Senate Resolution 28 seeks to establish a task force within the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), Office of Conservation and Coastal Lands to consider coastal lands acquisition and shoreline retreat in order to protect beaches. **While the Department supports the intent of these resolutions, the Department nonetheless prefers the passage and enactment of House Bill 1714, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1 (RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE).**

The Department notes that House Bill 1714, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, if enacted into law, would establish a task force within the Department to create a Sea Level Rise Vulnerability and Adaptation Report for the State. The Department further notes that issues such as shoreline retreat and coastal lands acquisition are likely to be addressed by the task force, so a separate task force as contemplated under these resolutions may not be necessary. Most importantly, House Bill 1714, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, appropriates the necessary resources (funding and staff) to accomplish these objectives.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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