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**Before the House Committee on
AGRICULTURE**

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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1080
RELATING TO URBAN WATER CONSERVATION**

House Bill 1080 proposes to establish a four-year pilot program under which the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) would implement landscape irrigation water conservation best management practices as established by the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The landscape irrigation water conservation best management practices (BMPs) established by LICH were developed in close consultation with landscape professionals across the state and are recognized nationally as landscape industry standards. These BMPs are categorized into installation and maintenance practices. The agency cost of installation, operation, and maintenance of BMPs in new and renovation projects is not expected to increase significantly over existing practices.

Nonetheless, the Department defers to DAGS with regard to the practicality of implementing this measure and any fiscal impacts related to this bill.

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