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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Monday, February 9, 2015
10:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1170
RELATING TO LAND RESOURCES**

House Bill 1170 revises statutory provisions relating to the regulation of mineral resources under Chapters 171 and 182, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to provide clarity and consistency. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department is responsible for the regulation of geothermal resources in the State. Through the issuance of geothermal resource mining leases and regulatory permits, the Department is tasked to manage the resource and its development to protect the health and safety of the public and to ensure the continued viability of this Public Trust Resource for future generations. This bill reaffirms the State's reservation over geothermal resources on both state and reserved lands, as well as provide for consistency among renewable energy definitions.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB 1170, which revises statutory provisions relating to the regulation of mineral resources under H.R.S. §171 and §182 to provide clarity and consistency.

DBEDT supports the lease of public lands for geothermal use without public auction. This would provide geothermal developers the same opportunities already afforded to other renewable energy producers regarding leases on public lands.

DBEDT defers to the Department of Land and Natural Resources regarding the provisions of this measure impacting the administration of the State's mineral leasing program.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer these comments on HB 1170.

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Comments: My statement is not intended to be in opposition to the legislation as a whole but to request a modification to the language of HB1170.

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