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**Testimony of
CARTY S. CHANG
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, March 16, 2015
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 527, HOUSE DRAFT 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE LIFEGUARDS**

House Bill 527, House Draft 1 proposes to promote public safety by appropriating funds to provide lifeguard services at Kua Bay, Kekaha Kai State Park on the Island of Hawaii. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact the Department's priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

The State does not have its own lifeguards, and contracts with the counties for those services at selected State Parks beaches. Currently each county provides lifeguards at one State Park beach. On the Island of Hawaii, there are lifeguards at Hapuna Beach.

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Comments: Kua Bay is a very dangerous site, especially so with the recent influx of tourists swimming there. There have already been a number of swimmer rescues and a couple of drownings. I often take my visitors to enjoy the beach and am becoming concerned for their safety due to rip tides and rough surf. These are especially dangerous for children, who are often not as cautious as they should be. Lifeguards are needed before some child drowns at Kua.

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