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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
and  
WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016  
10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 21  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT  
COVERING PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT SAND ISLAND,  
HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND  
REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING FLOATING DOCK**

House Concurrent Resolution 21 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 64,602 square feet, more or less, on a portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 1-5-041: portions of 006, at Sand Island, Honolulu, Oahu for the use, maintenance, improvement, and replacement of the existing floating dock, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration concurrent resolution.**

The Board authorized the issuance of a 65-year for the adjacent parcel together with a non-exclusive easement for floating dock purposes to the University of Hawaii (UH). The floating dock is located on state submerged lands. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on September 25, 2015, under agenda item D-12, the Board approved the issuance of a lease including a non-exclusive easement for purposes stated above.

The rent for the requested lease and easement is gratis since UH is a government agency.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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ENGINEERING  
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION  
LAND  
STATE PARKS



# UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SYSTEM

## Legislative Testimony

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Testimony Presented Before the  
House Committees on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs and  
Water & Land

March 23, 2016 at 10:30 a.m.

by

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and

Brian Taylor, Dean School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology  
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HCR 21 – AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT SAND ISLAND, HONOLULU, OAHU, FOR THE USE, MAINTENANCE, IMPROVEMENT, AND REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING FLOATING DOCK.

Chairs Ing and Yamane, Vice Chairs Lowen and Cullen, and members of the committees:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HCR 21. This concurrent resolution requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering portions of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1)1-5-041: portions of 006, at Sand Island, O'ahu, for use, maintenance, improvement, and replacement of the existing floating dock constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS). The University of Hawai'i supports this Administration concurrent resolution.

Due to the closure of the UH Marine Center at Pier 45 Snug Harbor Facility, the UH School of Ocean and Earth Science and Technology (SOEST) will divide and relocate its small-boat operations to the proposed SOEST and Marine Education Training Center (METC) facilities at Sand Island. The current site at Sand Island will require improvements, which include installing a new larger floating dock, approximately 2500 square feet in area, to replace the existing floating dock fronting METC. This provides suitable space to accommodate the combined needs of SOEST and Honolulu Community College (METC).

As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources ("Board") may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on September 25, 2015, under agenda item D-12, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for purposes stated above.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.