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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Tuesday, March 15, 2016
8:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 61
ENDORING AND SUPPORTING THE ALA WAI WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP AND
REQUESTING A REPORT ON PROGRESS MADE BY THE PARTNERSHIP**

House Concurrent Resolution 61 endorses and supports the goals of the Ala Wai Watershed Partnership and its integrated approach to increase resilience and sustainability in the Ala Wai Watershed and Waikiki through five action steps. The measure also requests the Chair of the Ala Wai Partnership to submit a report on its progress and in raising financial support for the Partnership to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department has been collaborating with the Ala Wai Watershed Partnership to seek opportunities to build resilience and sustainability in the Ala Wai watershed and Waikiki. The Department and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are currently studying the feasibility of a flood mitigation project. We also fully support the intent of the Partnership in increasing public awareness, identifying ecosystem restoration strategies, and investigating alternative innovative financing scenarios to address the multifaceted issues within the Ala Wai watershed.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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