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Comments: While DLNR appreciates the overall concept of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of its goals and objectives, DLNR is nonetheless concerned about the cost implications this measure will have on the Executive Biennium Budget request.

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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 11, 2015
3:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 503
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senate Bill 503 proposes to amend Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), by adding a new part that requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to implement a public restroom maintenance system, with daily inspections, in areas under the Department's jurisdiction. In addition, the bill proposes to require the establishment of an asset management system for the public restrooms to assess the adequacy of servicing, operating and repairing the facilities and determine costs for infrastructure, facility and replacement improvements. **While the Department appreciates the overall concept of this bill as it includes initiatives supportive of our goals and objectives, the Department is nonetheless concerned about the cost implications this measure will have on the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

The Department offers the following comments:

The Department has an inventory of 184 comfort stations across the State. These facilities range from large, multi-fixture comfort stations with potable water to remote waterless composting units and portable toilettes. While most of the more accessible facilities are maintained on a daily basis to insure that they are sanitary, have paper and the rubbish is removed – running water and soap is a luxury.

Due to staffing limitations and remote locations, some facilities are maintained less frequently. Other facilities, due to high patronage or frequent vandalism and abusive use are maintained more frequently.

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The Department estimates that repairs to bring various comfort stations across the state up to a higher standard of care will cost \$5,810,000. The Department also estimates that \$2,039,000/year is needed to then staff and provide enhanced maintenance and servicing of these comfort stations. These annual operating expenses will likely need to be adjusted over time due to increased maintenance as facilities age and inflation.

In regard to the asset management system provision of this bill, the Department recognizes that Act 110, Session Laws of Hawaii 2013 (Act 110), requires the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) to initiate an asset management protocol for all state building and facilities. Act 110 also directs DAGS to work with all state agencies to incorporate a comprehensive and integrated system for asset management for the State, which includes reporting all capital asset inventory to DAGS. It is the Department's understanding that "Public Restrooms" fall under the definition of "Public buildings, facilities, and sites" as defined in HRS Section 103-50, HRS, which is the guidance specified in Act 110. While the Department agrees that an asset management system is important, we recommend that any resources or funding appropriated to the Department be utilized to inventory and integrate our assets into this statewide effort, in lieu of establishing and maintaining a separate system. The Department will also work closely with DAGS to ensure that the intent and purpose of Act 110 is fulfilled. The Department defers to DAGS regarding the implementation and status of their effort.

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Dear Senator Kidani,

Please support SB 503 relating to restroom and maintaince by DLNR

Restrooms are needed in State Parks as these parks are locate in remote areas where there is no restrooms.

The alternative is to use the surrounding areas which is unsanitary and awkward especially for women and seniors.

Mahalo,
Melvin Yoshioka