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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

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State Capitol, Conference Room 211 In consideration of

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING PIER, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 100 square feet, more or less, on a portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 4-5-001:seaward of 018, at Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu for the use, repair, and maintenance of the existing pier constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration concurrent resolution.

The current owners of the abutting property, Paul and Teruko Noto Trusts, who held a revocable permit issued by the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) for the subject pier, decide to convert the permit into a long term disposition. The pier was located makai of the shoreline and such area should be considered as state submerged lands. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the 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 June 26, 2015, under agenda item D-8, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for purposes stated above.

The grantee shall pay the State the fair market value of the easement as consideration for the use of public lands. The amount of consideration shall be determined by an independent appraisal.

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