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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, April 17, 2017
2:45 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 671
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE
LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
JACOB TAVARES, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2019**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 671, nominating Mr. Jacob Tavares to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission (Commission) for a term to expire June 30, 2019.

Mr. Jacob Tavares resides on Maui and possesses membership in a statewide agricultural association, thus fulfilling the Commission membership requirements of Sections 173A-2.4(a) and -2.4(a)(4), Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS).

Mr. Tavares is currently serving an interim appointment that began December 01, 2016. The Senate's confirmation of this appointment would stabilize a long-standing Commission vacancy through the participation of a dedicated, progressive representative of our agricultural future. As a sixth-generation Hawai'i rancher; a former volunteer director for the Olinda-Kula Soil and Water Conservation District; and a contemporary leader in the corporate transition from sugar planting to diversified agricultural production, Mr. Tavares wields the knowledge, skills, and ability needed to help the Commission and the Department give priority in their recommendations for acquisitions to "lands that are unique and productive agricultural lands" or "in imminent danger of being modified, changed, or used in a manner to diminish its value." Sections 173A-2.6(6) and -2.6(3), HRS.

The Department strongly supports GM 671 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Mr. Jacob Tavares for a two-year term on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

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Comments: I have known and worked with Jacob Tavares for several years and find him to be an intelligent and hardworking individual. Please support his nomination tot he Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

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