

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
HAWAII



SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

KEKOA KALUHIWA
FIRST DEPUTY

JEFFREY T. PEARSON, P.E.
DEPUTY DIRECTOR - WATER

AQUATIC RESOURCES
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION
BUREAU OF CONVEYANCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS
CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
ENGINEERING
FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION
KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION
LAND
STATE PARKS

**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

POST OFFICE BOX 621
HONOLULU, HAWAII 96809

**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, February 3, 2017
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1173
RELATING TO A WATER IRRIGATION PILOT PROJECT**

House Bill 1173 proposes to establish a one-year pilot program requiring DAGS, DOT, and DLNR to implement irrigation water conservation best management practices, as established by the Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii. Requires DAGS, DOT, and DLNR to each submit a report regarding the results of the pilot program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the overall concept of this bill and offers the following comments.**

The Department's Division of State Parks (State Parks) would be considered by most people as the main user of water irrigation within the Department, however, as Hawaii has seasonal wet and dry climates, the vast majority of our parks do not utilize an irrigation system. As directed by State Parks' mission to preserve cultural and natural resources, when State Parks develops new areas, we make all attempts to utilize native plants adapted to the local climate which, once established, do not require supplemental irrigation.

There are four parks located on the dry side of their island that utilize an irrigation system (Hapuna Beach State Recreation Area on Hawaii, Waimea State Recreation Pier on Kauai, Sand Island State Recreation Area and Diamond Head State Monument on Oahu). These parks maintain some of the best practices as indicated in this measure. They run their irrigation systems either in the early morning or at night. Some are controlled, when able, either on a

timer, via remote, manually or some combination of both. Furthermore, it is worth noting that State Parks often simply decline to irrigate areas at all due to operational funding constraints.

While the Department appreciates the concept of the measure, currently, we would not be of benefit to a pilot program as we do not intend to increase or implement any new irrigation projects and our current practices appear to already align with the best practices.

kong2 - Crystal

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:05 AM
To: waltestimony
Cc: kevinjmulkern@gmail.com
Subject: Submitted testimony for HB1173 on Feb 3, 2017 09:00AM

HB1173

Submitted on: 2/2/2017

Testimony for WAL on Feb 3, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kevin Mulhern	Individual	Support	No

Comments: This is just common sense and should not require legislation any more than following the Sustainable Landscape Maintenance Highway Manual developed by Hawaii Department of Transportation. Sincerely yours Kevin Mulhern Past President of The Hawaii Landscaping and Irrigation Contractors Association.

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov

kong2 - Crystal

From: mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov
Sent: Thursday, February 2, 2017 9:08 AM
To: waltestimony
Cc: susan.mulkern@gmail.com
Subject: *Submitted testimony for HB1173 on Feb 3, 2017 09:00AM*

HB1173

Submitted on: 2/2/2017

Testimony for WAL on Feb 3, 2017 09:00AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Susan Shaheen Mulkern	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please note that testimony submitted less than 24 hours prior to the hearing, improperly identified, or directed to the incorrect office, may not be posted online or distributed to the committee prior to the convening of the public hearing.

Do not reply to this email. This inbox is not monitored. For assistance please email webmaster@capitol.hawaii.gov