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WATER & LAND

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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 430
RELATING TO THE DIAMOND HEAD STATE MONUMENT

House Bill 430 proposes to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for the planning, design, and construction of a visitor and interpretive center at Diamond Head State Monument (DHSM) and requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to seek funds. **The Department supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

Diamond Head State Monument (DHSM) is one of the icons that represent Hawaii around the world. DHSM is a branded image that appears in countless advertisements, photos, social media, and products. It is the definitive and most recognizable backdrop to Waikiki. Visitation in 2015 was at 901,136 and in 2016 up 10% to 1,025,318 visitors, which averages to about 3,000 per day.

The Department, through the Division of State Parks, has been engaged in discussions regarding the critical need for a visitor interpretive center at DHSM for a number of years. More recently, due to new opportunities, there have been robust discussions with the Department of Defense, Hawaii Emergency Management Agency, the DHSM Citizens Advisory Council and other agencies that utilize DHSM for a variety of management functions. There is an existing framework via the DHSM Master Plan Update (2003) to move forward on the planning elements, which include permitting and Chapter 343 HRS compliance, along with architectural designs that would be the basis of determining the cost of construction. The Updated Master Plan identified a couple of key interior locations as desirable for the construction of a visitor center.

Currently, the Department of Defense has plans and funding to demolish two existing and primary buildings on the crater floor within DHSM. While the Department may be interested in retaining one for park management, it is now timely and prudent to begin the planning and

design elements to provide one of Hawaii's most premier and recognized destinations a state of the art facility to allow for enhanced interpretation, services and management of how people experience this heavily used attraction.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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From: Barbara Marumoto, Pres. Diamond Head State Monument Foundation

Re HB 430 - Diamond Head State Monument - In Favor

The Diamond Head State Monument Foundation is in strong support of HB 430 to plan, design and construct a visitor interpretive center in the Crater. With over one million visitors/year such a center of volcanology, flora, fauna and history of Diamond Head would be of interest to visitors and residents alike.

The DHSMF is open to the use of state funds;for this capital improvement project and/or the use of private funds to build and maintain this educational center. The DLNR can draw up the specifications and issue a RFP for a private non-profit organization that may want to build a facility and then pay a annual lease to the existing Diamond Head fund to operate the visitor center.

Please support this concept for further consideration. Mahalo.

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