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**Testimony of
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**Before the House Committee on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 21, 2017
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 206/HOUSE RESOLUTION 134
ESTABLISHING THE PAPAHA NAUMOKU AKEA MARINE NATIONAL
MONUMENT PROGRAM**

House Concurrent Resolution 206/House Resolution 134 urge the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to establish the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument) program to be placed within the Department's Division of Aquatic Resources to coordinate and fulfill the State's role and responsibilities in co-managing the Monument. **The Department is in strong support of these measures.**

The Department has acted as the lead agency of the State to co-manage Monument in accordance with Proclamation 8031 of June 15, 2006, and expanded by Proclamation 9478 of August 25, 2016, through active management and permitting of activities in support of the Monument. The Department is pleased to collaborate with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural resources within the Monument, and to have successfully supported in 2016 the elevation of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to the status of co-trustee of the Monument.

These measures recommend that the Department should charge fees that are proportional to the nature and complexity of the projects or services performed by the program, such as the issuance of permits. Although the Department appreciates the need to fund state involvement, the Department believes it would be preferable to fund a full-time position with general funds to support state involvement, rather than charge entry or user fees for those permitted to access the Monument for cultural, scientific and other purposes. Those permitted to conduct activities within the Monument and State agencies with management responsibilities -- for example, the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife on Kure Atoll -- currently bear the cost of their activities. The Department does not see this changing in the foreseeable future.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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HCR206 / HR134
ESTABLISHING THE PAPAĀNAUMOKUĀKEA MARINE NATIONAL MONUMENT
PROGRAM

House Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs

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The Administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA) will recommend that the Board of Trustees **COMMENT** on HCR206 and HR134, which would urge the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Effective on January 10, 2017, OHA was elevated to the role of Co-Trustee of Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (Monument), following a decade of work on the Monument Management Board, and the establishment of a freestanding program within OHA dedicated to fulfilling our kuleana to this sacred space. This important change followed nearly a year of discussion about the future of the Monument, which included calls from Native Hawaiians and others for the elevation of the Native Hawaiian voice in management of the Monument. When President Obama used his authority under the Antiquities Act to expand the Monument, a joint letter from the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior committed to elevating OHA to Co-Trustee.

OHA appreciates the intent of HCR206 and HR134, to provide clarity in terms of how DLNR will fulfill its role as a Co-Trustee. OHA sees this as a matter largely internal to DLNR, especially in light of the fact that the resolutions do not direct or mention OHA, except to urge DLNR to coordinate with the agency. In light of the tremendous cultural significance of the area OHA does, however, urge that any discussion regarding instituting fees or other potential barriers to access take place first, amongst the four Co-Trustees of the Monument, and second, in consultation with the Native Hawaiian community.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify on this measure.