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Statement of
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND
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AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

February 13, 2017 at 3:00 p.m.
State Capitol, Room 224

In consideration of
S.B. 1225
RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER.

The HHFDC *supports the intent* of providing more land and resources for affordable housing development.

However, we defer to the Department of Education and the Department of Land and Natural Resources as to whether residential development of these specific parcels is feasible and in the best interests of the State given their current and proposed uses. We understand that the Kahului parcel is the current location of the Maui Community School for Adults, and the Puunene parcel is currently occupied by the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement and a part of DLNR's proposed Kakanilua Business Park.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
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**Monday, February 13, 2017
3:00 P.M.
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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1225
RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER**

Senate Bill 1225 proposes to transfer title, custody and control of two state parcels on Maui to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) opposes this measure.**

The parcels at issue are designated as Tax Map Keys: (2) 3-7-012:007 with an area of 1.68 acres (Parcel 7) and 3-7-004:003 with an area of 5.57 acres (Parcel 3). Parcel 7 is currently set aside to the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) for office space, baseyard and related purposes under Executive Order No. 4148. Parcel 3 is currently set aside to the Department of Accounting and General Services (DAGS) for Kahului Civic Center purposes under Executive Order No. 3586.

When title to land is transferred, the conveyance generally includes existing encumbrances on the property. Accordingly, a transfer of title of the parcels to HHFDC would include the existing executive orders on title. If the intent of the bill is to remove the executive orders from title to the parcels, then a statutory procedure is in place under Section 171-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to cancel them. However, the Department has not received any request from DOCARE or DAGS to cancel their respective executive orders.

DOCARE explains that it currently uses Parcel 7 for its Maui Branch Office, which serves as an operations center for staff, and for storage of large, high value equipment such as vehicles and water craft. DOCARE would have no alternate site to relocate its facilities and equipment to if

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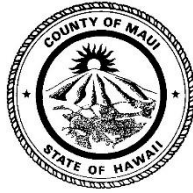
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DOCARE were requested to vacate Parcel 7. As a result, any relocation of DOCARE's facilities would result in increased costs for DOCARE, such as renting private property, or may impact other divisions of the Department if DOCARE is required to share space with them. The Department notes that there is no provision in this bill for funding the relocation of DOCARE or DAGS to alternate facilities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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SB1225 RELATING TO LAND TRANSFER

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair
Honorable Members of the Senate committees

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in SUPPORT OF SB1225.

The purpose of this bill is to transfer two land parcels in Central Maui from the State of Hawaii to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC).

On behalf of the County of Maui, I support this bill for the following reasons:

1. These parcels have been identified as underutilized properties in an area ideal for affordable housing.
 - a. Tax Map Key #370120070000 (175 S. Puunene Avenue, Kahului, HI) is a 1.68 acre parcel currently identified on the Maui County Parcel Map as a “warehouse.” Puunene Avenue is a major thoroughfare lined with existing housing, businesses, restaurants and shops that is better suited for affordable housing versus a warehouse.
 - b. Tax Map Key #370040030000 (153 W. Kaahumanu Avenue, Kahului, HI) is a 5.57 acre parcel – approximately less than half of which is currently occupied by the Maui Community School for Adults. Maui County is interested in developing the vacant portion or all of this property for affordable rentals.
2. Once transferred to HHFDC, these parcels will be ideal to build affordable rentals. These parcels are situated in Central Maui, in close proximity to community amenities such as transit, shops, businesses, parks and medical clinics.
3. Maui County has a dire need for additional affordable housing. The most recent Hawaii Housing Planning Study indicates a need for 12,000 housing units on Maui for 2015-2025.

For these reasons, I strongly support SB1225.

Respectfully yours,

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