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In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 42 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON

Senate Concurrent Resolution 42 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 772 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands identified as tax map key: (1) 4-4-018: seaward of 072, at Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu for the use, repair, and maintenance of the existing pier constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this concurrent resolution.

The current owner of the abutting property, Hitoshi Yoshikawa, worked with the Department to resolve the encroachment of the existing pier by the issuance of a long-term easement. The improvement is located on state submerged lands. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on April 24, 2015, under agenda item D-15, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for purposes stated above.

The current owner paid the State the fair market value of the easement in the amount of \$36,000 as determined by an independent appraisal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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