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## Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

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## In consideration of SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 43 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE, KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE PIER, AND FOR USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS CONSTRUCTED THEREON

Senate Concurrent Resolution 43 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 284 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands identified as tax map key: (1) 4-5-058:121, 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, Martha K. Bush, worked with the Department to convert the existing pier revocable permit to a long-term easement. The pier 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 December 9, 2016, under agenda item D-20, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for purposes stated above.

The grantee shall pay the State the fair market value of the easement as consideration for the use of public lands. The amount of consideration shall be determined by an independent appraisal.

The Department notes that after the previous committee heard this concurrent resolution, a survey was conducted that showed the easement area to be 538 square feet, more or less. As

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AQUATIC RESOURCES BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION BUIREAU OF CONVEY ANCES COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION AND COASTAL LANDS CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT EGGINEERING FORESTRY AND WILDLIFE HISTORIC PRESERVATION KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION LAND STATE PARKS such, the Department respectfully requests that this concurrent resolution be amended to reflect the correct easement area of 538 square feet, more or less.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.