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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Thursday, March 30, 2017
1:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 47
AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT
COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KAILUA,
KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE SEAWALL AND BOAT RAMP, AND FOR THE
USE, REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTED THEREON**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 47 requests the authorization of the amendment of a term, non-exclusive easement regarding additional 328 square feet, more or less, on a portion of state submerged lands fronting the property identified as tax map key: (1) 4-3-005: seaward of 094, at Kailua, Koolauoko, Oahu for the use, repair, and maintenance of the existing seawall and boat ramp 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, Elizabeth Rice Grossman Family Trust, worked with the Department and obtained a 55-year non-exclusive easement for seawall and boat ramp purposes in 2006. Subsequent to the adoption of a certified shoreline in 2016, an additional 328 square feet was found encroaching on state lands located makai of the shoreline and such area should be considered as 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 May 27, 2016, under agenda item D-13, the Board approved to amend the term, non-exclusive easement by incorporating the additional encroachment area, subject to a payment of the fair market value of the additional area, which was determined as \$33,584. Current owner paid the required consideration accordingly.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.