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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017
9:45 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 96, SENATE DRAFT 1/
SENATE RESOLUTION 40, SENATE DRAFT 1
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
SUPPORT THE USE OF AUTONOMOUS UNMANNED SURFACE VESSEL
TECHNOLOGY TO DETECT AND CLEAN UP OCEAN DEBRIS BEFORE IT REACHES
HAWAII'S REEFS AND BEACHES.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 96, Senate Draft 1/Senate Resolution 40, Senate Draft 1 request the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to support the use of autonomous unmanned surface vessel technology to detect and clean up ocean debris before it reaches Hawaii's reefs and beaches. **The Department offers the following comments.**

The Department supports all efforts to help clean the State's near shore waters and beaches including the use of autonomous unmanned surface vessel technology as used by Clear Blue Sea, a non-profit entity. The Department notes that its jurisdiction is from the shoreline to three miles offshore. The Department is willing to work with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to explore the possibility of using autonomous unmanned surface vessel technology to detect and clean up ocean debris before it reaches Hawaii's reefs and beaches.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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