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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER AND LAND
and
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Friday, March 24, 2017
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State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 96/SENATE RESOLUTION 40
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 Resolution 40 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 recognizes the benefits of removing marine debris from the ocean prior to it reaching the shoreline or State waters but feels that the appropriate agencies to address this type of technology would be those who have jurisdiction of the area in question which may be the federal Environmental Protection Agency or the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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To whom it may concern,

This testimony is in support of Hawaii State Resolution SCR96 and SR40 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.

My family has been long time residents of Kailua, HI. I have witnessed ever increasing amounts of trash being washed up on our island's beaches over the last 30 years. I strongly support and applaud the State's efforts to become a world leader in the mitigation of floating man-made ocean pollution. This ever increasing environmental disaster of mostly plastic debris must be addressed and actions taken before it does irreparable harm to Hawaii's beaches, near shore environment and economy. The pollution of our ocean's environment is a high priority problem that directly effects the lives, livelihood and culture of the people of Hawaii. The quality of our lives is tied to the quality of our ocean.

This Hawaii State legislation is the beginning of an effort that will greatly benefit future generations of Hawaii's people and preserve its environment for many years to come.

Very Respectfully,

Mark Ott

President/CEO

Clear Blue Sea Inc. (a 501c3 non-profit)

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Natalia Hussey-Burdick	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support this resolution because I feel that we must do more to protect animals from our plastic pollution epidemic. Fish and birds are dying out because their bellies are filled with plastic, and if we don't do something to stop it our sand will soon be composed entirely of plastic particles. Our children deserve a better world.

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