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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committees on
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and
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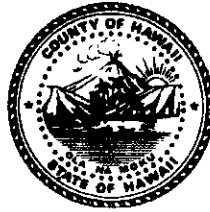
In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1200, HOUSE DRAFT 1
MAKING AN APPROPRIATION FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND PLANS FOR A
SWIM AREA IN POHOIKI

House Bill 1200, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to conduct a feasibility study to determine the best means to provide a Pohoiki swimming area and develop plans, in cooperation with United States Army Corps of Engineers, County of Hawaii, and any stakeholders, for a safe swim area. **The Department does not support this measure.**

The Department initially supported this measure when the proposed feasibility study was funded using general funds. House Draft 1 changed the source of funding from general funds to special funds. Due to the limited nature of the special fund accounts and the fact that the majority of funding is used to cover operational expenses, there is no guarantee that funding will be available to support this feasibility study.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair
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Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair
Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental,
and Military Affairs
Hawai'i State Capitol
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Dear Chairs Rhoads, Nishihara, and members

RE: HB 1200 HD 1
Making an appropriation for a Feasibility Study and Plans for a
Swim area in Pohoiki

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in favor of HB1200.

The Puna district is approximately the size of the entire island of Kauai, and once had the beautiful Kalapana area where our local children could learn to swim. Over the years, Madame Pele has taken away a large portion of accessible shoreline, and left the growing population of Puna with few safe swimming areas.

A feasibility study for a safe and accessible swimming site in Puna would be most welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,


Harry Kim
Mayor