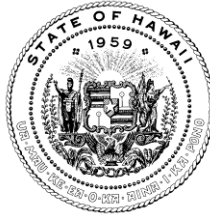


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Tuesday, March 20, 2018
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 90/HOUSE RESOLUTION 74
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT SAFEGUARDS AT HAULA BEACH
PARK TO PROTECT HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS**

House Concurrent Resolution 90/House Resolution 74 requests the Department of Transportation (DOT) and City and County of Honolulu (City) to implement safeguards at Hauula Beach Park to protect Hawaiian monk seals. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of these measures and offers the following comments.**

The Department recognizes the importance of establishing safeguards to protect both Hawaiian monk seals and the public from harmful interaction. The Department currently works closely under a Joint Enforcement Agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to enforce federal laws that prohibit the harassment of monk seals and federal marine wildlife viewing guidelines that recommend remaining at least 50 yards away.

The Department recommends that DOT and the City consult with the Department and NOAA to ensure that safeguards are compatible with existing state and federal laws and policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Natalie Parra	Keiko Conservation	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Laura Gray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please protect our Monk Seals. They need our help. It is not their fault that global warming has taken their beaches and that cars speed past them. It is our responsibility to save them from our disregard for our earth, ocean and sky. Mahalo

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Erica Scott	Individual	Support	No

Comments: