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**STATE OF HAWAII**  
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**Testimony of**  
**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on**  
**JUDICIARY**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**  
**2:30 PM**  
**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.

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STATE PARKS

**HCR-90**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This resolution protects on important endangered species of Hawai'i, please pass HCR90.

**HCR-90**

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Comments:

**LATE**

**HCR-90**

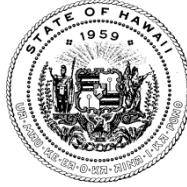
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Comments:

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**H.C.R. 90**  
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND**  
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**HAUULA BEACH PARK TO PROTECT HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS**

House Committee on Judiciary

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports this resolution that would provide safeguards to protect Hawaiian Monk Seals at Hauula Beach Park; however, as the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) provides in their own testimony that it 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. DOT advises that DLNR would be the more appropriate agency to work with the City and County of Honolulu to provide safeguards for Hawaiian Monk Seals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.