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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY

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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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Melodie Aduja	the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments: