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**Testimony of  
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**Before the House Committees on  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS  
and  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Wednesday, March 21, 2018**

**10:25 AM**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 309**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 103/HOUSE RESOLUTION 89  
RECOGNIZING THE VALUE AND IMPORTANCE OF THE CONSERVATION  
ECONOMY AND REQUESTING THE SUPPORT OF A CONSERVATION ECONOMY  
FROM THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS**

House Concurrent Resolution 103/House Resolution 89 recognize the importance of embracing values and practices that better manage natural resources and the nation's diverse bioregional economies and encourages public and private sector businesses to aggressively seek new technologies and develop an educated workforce in order to promote better natural resource management. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these resolutions.**

The Department recognizes that Hawaii's natural resources play a key and diverse role in our economy. As such, the Department is working to expand and develop sustainable forestry and natural resource programs and projects that grow the conservation profession, allow for innovative solutions to resource concerns and challenges, connect people to their environment, support local businesses, and bring together cross-sector industries. The Department also partners with federal, county, non-profit, local community, and corporate and international entities to find solutions to Hawaii's natural resource management challenges. Partnerships, such as the Hawaii Conservation Alliance, Green Growth Hawaii, Hawaii Association of Watershed Partnerships, Hawaii Invasive Species Committees, and Promise to Pae'aina help to foster these cross-sector collaborations. Encouraging and bringing together public and private sectors around stewardship of our natural resources elevates our ability to address changing conditions and meet the future needs of Hawaii's people, economy, and environment.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.