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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018
2:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2911, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL DUE DILIGENCE**

Senate Bill 2911, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate out of general revenues an unspecified amount to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to conduct a phase I environmental site assessment and, if necessary, a phase II environmental site assessment and suitable environmental remediation at the former Lalamilo Reservoir site on the Island of Hawaii, as due diligence to include any common transaction costs, and including other necessary transaction fees. **The Department supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.**

The Department notes that should the Legislature decide to move forward with funding this measure, then the \$500,000 previously appropriated be restored. The \$500,000 appropriation is necessary to cover the standard transaction due diligence in connection with the proposed Waimea land exchange with Parker Ranch, including the cost of a phase I environmental site assessment, and phase II assessment, if necessary, appraisals, surveyed metes and bounds and maps, title report, title insurance, and any other necessary transaction fees.

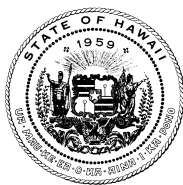
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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By
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S.B. 2911, S.D.2, H.D.1 – Relating to Environmental Due Diligence

To: Chair Sylvia Luke, Vice-Chair Ty Cullen and Members of the Committee on Finance

The Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) **strongly supports** S.B. 2911, S.D.2 H.D.1 which makes an unspecified appropriation for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to conduct an environmental assessment and suitable remediation, as necessary, at the former Lalamilo reservoir site on the island of Hawaii.

As set forth in S.B. 2911, S.D.1 H.D.1, an appropriation is needed to conduct required due diligence work in order for the State to move forward with a proposed land exchange in the Waimea area of the island of Hawaii. In exchange for the former Lalamilo reservoir site, the State would receive a parcel of land that would be used to eventually replace the current Thelma Parker Memorial Public and School Library (Library). The current Library site is co-located on the Waimea Elementary School campus, causing safety concerns for both the school and the Library, as well as issues relating to access to both campuses due to insufficient parking. HSPLS appreciates DLNR's support in identifying property for the Library's future needs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.