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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, February 2, 2018
2:46 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2995
RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES
ENFORCEMENT**

Senate Bill 2995 proposes to make an appropriation to upgrade the Department of Land and Natural Resources-Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement's (DOCARE) trucks in Hawaii County. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure** provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in our Executive Supplemental Budget request.

This measure, if enacted, would make an appropriation of funds to upgrade the DOCARE trucks. The Department recognizes that vehicle access into remote areas of Hawaii County is necessary to patrol the lands the Department manages and to conduct law enforcement operations in these areas. Enhancing the Hawaii County DOCARE vehicle fleet with better off-road capabilities would support these important functions.

The Department appreciates the Legislature's interest in advocating for additional funding for DOCARE.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu	Support	No

Comments:

I support the appropriation of funds to upgrade the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement's trucks currently in use in Hawaii county. And I recommend that all trucks be installed with GPS locators so they can be tracked by the Department and monitored by Supervisors.

reference: <http://khon2.com/2017/02/22/law-enforcement-officer-convicted-of-sexually-assaulting-hawaii-island-teen/>