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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018
11:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3048, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO CONSERVATION OFFICER AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT
TRAINING**

Senate Bill, Senate Draft 1 3048 proposes to appropriate moneys to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) for the establishment of: (1) a training academy for its Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE) Officers and (2) two new full-time positions (Educational Specialist and Office Assistant). **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 DOCARE lacks a centralized training venue to conduct both new hire recruit level training and in-service training for employees. As a result, there is no common core of knowledge, and employees have varying degrees of training depending on past law enforcement employment.

DOCARE aims to develop a full cadre of officers committed to conservation and resources enforcement in particular, beyond general law enforcement. A training academy would allow DOCARE to train entry-level officers in the full range of conservation and resources law enforcement from the ground up. It would also assist in the hiring of officers who currently do not possess the experience necessary to qualify as a lateral hire, and in ongoing common core conservation and resources enforcement training for current officers. This should increase the applicant pool and move DOCARE closer to fully staffing the Division with officers commonly trained in conservation and resources enforcement.

The Department also appreciates the inclusion of the Educational Specialist and Office Assistant positions that would go towards providing support services to the training academy.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Angela Huntemer | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

Please support this bill we need A LOT more Conservation Officers to protect the beauty and biodiverstiy of Hawaii.

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Submitted on: 2/23/2018 1:59:06 PM

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| Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D. | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/21/2018 9:16:30 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Present at Hearing |
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| Darrell Tanaka | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

This is the only way DOCARE will be able to have a diverse recruitment opportunity...so unless you want them to continue hiring rejects from the police department, I suggest you support this bill.

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| Kama Hopkins | Individual | Support | No |

Comments:

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Testimony for WAM on 2/28/2018 11:00:00 AM

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| Melodie Aduja | Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i | Support | No |

Comments:

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| Scott Crawford | Individual | Support | No |

Comments: