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**Testimony of**  
**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on**  
**JUDICIARY**

**Wednesday, April 4, 2018**  
**10:45 AM**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 016**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 123, SENATE DRAFT 1/SENATE**  
**RESOLUTION 82, SENATE DRAFT 1**  
**URGING THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION TO**  
**PROHIBIT INDIVIDUALS FROM APPROACHING WITHIN FIFTY FEET OF A**  
**HAWAIIAN MONK SEAL EXCEPT WHEN PROVIDING AID TO THE HAWAIIAN**  
**MONK SEAL**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 123, Senate Draft 1/Senate Resolution 82, Senate Draft 1 urge the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to prohibit individuals from approaching within fifty feet of a Hawaiian monk seal except when providing aid to the Hawaiian monk seal. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of these measures.**

The Department recognizes the importance of Hawaiian monk seal protection and works closely under a Joint Enforcement Agreement with the 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 defers to NOAA regarding the adequacy of existing federal laws and viewing guidelines and the need for additional approach rules.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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**SCR-123-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 1:45:30 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2018 10:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Natalie Parra	Testifying for Keiko Conservation	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-123-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 12:19:20 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2018 10:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Suyin Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-123-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 12:43:03 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2018 10:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mary James	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-123-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 10:28:27 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2018 10:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
M. Markl	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello Chair(s) And Committee Members:

Please support this bill into law this session. Last week I was at the beach which was fortunately coned off.

Especially the tourists went right to the edge of the cones and would be right next to seal if there was no barrier. Most places might not be fortunate to have cones for when or where they come to. Literally signs in bright colors need to be put up. Every hotel needs to tell each guest, since many have zero intuition about giving them space and not crowding them. Please pass this bill. Thank you.

**SCR-123-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/2/2018 11:43:06 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2018 10:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-123-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/3/2018 6:55:23 AM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2018 10:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for the Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:

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**SCR-123-SD-1**

Submitted on: 4/3/2018 9:24:46 PM

Testimony for JDC on 4/4/2018 10:45:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kimo Smith	Testifying for Flipper hug group	Support	No

Comments:

50 ft should be the law with severe penalties for violators some people don't get it or care also education needs to be better as to why seals need their rest and deserve some peace, Aloha Kimo