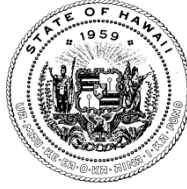


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March 28, 2018  
1:00 p.m.  
State Capitol, Room 225

**S.C.R. 124**  
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND**  
**CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT SAFEGUARDS AT**  
**HAUULA BEACH PARK TO PROTECT HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS**

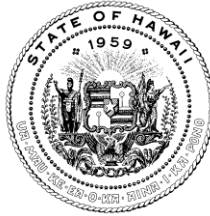
Senate Committee on Transportation and Energy  
Senate Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs  
Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this resolution that would provide safeguards to protect Hawaiian Monk Seals at Hauula Beach Park; however, DOT advises that the Department of Land and Natural Resources would be the more appropriate agency to work with the City and County of Honolulu to provide safeguards for Hawaiian Monk Seals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

DAVID Y. IGE  
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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY  
and  
PUBLIC SAFETY, INTERGOVERNMENTAL, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
and  
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Wednesday, March 28, 2018  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 124  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND CITY AND  
COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO IMPLEMENT SAFEGUARDS AT HAULA BEACH  
PARK TO PROTECT HAWAIIAN MONK SEALS**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 124 requests the Department of Transportation (DOT) and City and County of Honolulu (City) to implement safeguards at Hauula Beach Park to protect Hawaiian monk seals. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department recognizes the importance of establishing safeguards to protect both Hawaiian monk seals and the public from harmful interaction. The Department currently works closely under a Joint Enforcement Agreement with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (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 recommends that DOT and the City consult with the Department and NOAA to ensure that safeguards are compatible with existing state and federal laws and policies.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
CHAIRPERSON  
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STATE PARKS

**SCR-124**

Submitted on: 3/27/2018 1:49:16 AM

Testimony for TRE on 3/28/2018 1:00:00 PM

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

Comments:

To the Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair; the Honorable Will Espero, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Transportation and Energy:

To the Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Chair; the Honorable Glenn Wakai, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Public Safety, Intergovernmental, and Military Affairs:

To the Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair; the Honorable Gil Riviere, Vice-Chair and Members of the Committee on Agriculture and Environmet:

Good morning. My name is Melodie Aduja. I serve as Chair of the Oahu County Committee ("OCC") on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on **SCR124** relating to the Hawaiian Monk Seal; and Hauula Beach Park.

The OCC on Legislative Priorities is in favor of **SCR124** and supports its passage. **SCR124** is in accord with the Platform of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i ("DPH"), 2016, as it requests that the Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu implement safeguards at Hauula Beach Park to protect Hawaiian monk seals, including "Honey Girl."

The Platform of the DPH provides that "The Democratic Party of Hawai'i believes that the preservation and restoration of our natural environment is essential. We support a sustainable society that utilizes the earth in such a way that future generations will benefit from the practices of our generation. We support the restoration, preservation, and protection of our native ecosystems on each island. We believe in integrated approaches, practices, and support public policies that create and maintain a sustainable way of life in Hawai'i." (Platform of DPH, P.8, Line 407-411 (2016)).

Given that **SCR124** requests that the Department of Transportation and the City and County of Honolulu implement safeguards at Hauula Beach Park to protect

Hawaiian monk seals, including "Honey Girl," it is the position of the OCC on Legislative Priorities to support this measure.

Thank you very much for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Melodie Aduja

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**SCR-124**

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 12:48:04 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/28/2018 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

**SCR-124**

Submitted on: 3/22/2018 3:47:43 PM

Testimony for TRE on 3/28/2018 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shyla Moon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

State and Federal already have laws that work in Hawaii. Don't confuse the people.