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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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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jaunette Itsuno	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Comments: