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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, February 1, 2019  
9:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1027  
RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS**

House Bill 1027 proposes to decriminalize traffic infractions within natural area reserves, game management areas, wildlife sanctuaries, and public hunting areas. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration measure.**

Act 101, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, included an amendment to Section 184-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to decriminalize traffic violations within the Department's State Park System. This bill proposes to similarly decriminalize traffic violations in lands managed by the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife. This bill proposes to simplify resolution of minor criminal offenses, reducing effort and resources expended to resolve minor criminal offenses for the Department, police, prosecutors, and the Judiciary. It is also consistent with other jurisdictions' treatment of parking as an offense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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