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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
9:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 124/HOUSE RESOLUTION 114  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
ESTABLISH THE HAULA BEACH PARK MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT**

House Concurrent Resolution 124/House Resolution 114 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to establish the Hau'ula Beach Park Marine Life Conservation District. **The Department appreciates the intent of these measures and offers the following comments.**

Marine Life Conservation Districts (MLCDs) are useful tools for conserving marine life and protecting the marine environment. However, MLCD's or any designated marine management area (MMA) should include extensive scoping in the local area to gain input and feedback on the potential benefits or impacts of a proposed managed area before making such a designation. For example, the Department recognizes the rural nature of Hau'ula and has concerns that establishing an MLCD may have adverse impacts on both the community and the nearshore environment. Feedback from the local community would be vital to address these concerns.

MLCDs and other MMAs have historically been designated on a piecemeal basis, with little consideration of ecological connectivity. As part of the Department's Division of Aquatic Resources' (DAR) 30x30 Marine initiative, DAR plans to develop a network of MMAs to provide better protections for the State's nearshore marine resources, while ensuring the continuation of sustainable fishing practices. This process will involve extensive stakeholder input and incorporate the best available scientific data to ensure that the resulting MMA network benefits our nearshore marine resources, our local communities, and our visitors. We encourage all Hawaii residents and stakeholders to engage in the 30x30 planning process to help sustain Hawaii's marine resources

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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**HCR-124**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
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Comments:

**WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION, BUT REQUEST AN AMENDMENT THAT SAYS:**

“This section shall not apply to any person exercising native Hawaiian rights, customarily and traditionally exercised for subsistence, cultural, and religious purposes pursuant to article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii State Constitution.”

**HCR-124**

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Testimony for WLH on 3/27/2019 9:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Laura Gray	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please protect this area for fish recovery and Monk Seal habitat. We need to provide areas for our wildlife and reefs to recover. These lagoons are important to the health of the whole area. They have been over fished, trampled and neglected for too long. If we want to keep our tourist dollars we better give them something to see. Also, the fishing is pointless as there is nothing left. Mahalo, Laura Gray