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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

**Tuesday, March 19, 2019
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 168/HOUSE RESOLUTION 150
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO
EVALUATE AND IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SOURCES AND MEANS OF FUNDING
AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR AND HELP MAINTAIN THE HAWAII
WILDLIFE CENTER FACILITY AND HAWAII'S ENDANGERED WILDLIFE**

House Concurrent Resolution 168/House Resolution 150 urges the Department of Health to convene a task force to evaluate and identify potential sources and means of funding available to provide support and help maintain the Hawaii Wildlife Center facility for the purpose of providing a critical public service to protect the public and Hawaii's endangered wildlife. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of these resolutions and offers the following comments:**

Hawaii Wildlife Center is a dedicated partner of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, rehabilitating some of Hawaii's most critically endangered species in their state-of-the-art facilities, providing training for response personnel and volunteers, and they are part of our response team in the event of environmental disasters, such as oil spills. The Center also responds to disasters nationwide.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

HCR-168

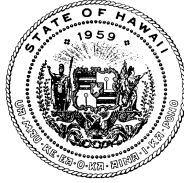
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**Testimony in OPPOSITION to HCR168
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REPRESENTATIVE NICOLE E. LOWEN, CHAIR
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** The Department views the fiscal implications as uncertain given that the measure
- 2 seeks to evaluate the appropriate level of funding and the potential use of the environmental response
- 3 revolving fund to help maintain the Hawaii Wildlife Center facility.

- 4 **Department Testimony:** Proposed bill urges the Department of Health to convene a task force to
- 5 evaluate and identify potential sources and means of funding available to provide support for and help
- 6 maintain the Hawaii Wildlife Center Facility and Hawaii's endangered wildlife. This measure contains
- 7 language to evaluate the appropriate level of funding and the potential use of the environmental response
- 8 revolving fund established under section 128D-2. Efforts in the past have been forwarded to the
- 9 department requesting such funding support. The department's assertion has and is that specific funding
- 10 for such a facility is not necessary and reduces the department's effort to maintain flexibility in utilizing
- 11 ERRF resources in its overall environmental response activities. In addition, the department did provide
- 12 funding support over the years to DLNR for wildlife protection assistance. Thorough time, it was
- 13 determined that this technical support was not necessary on an on-going basis, but could be established
- 14 should specific needs occur.

- 15 **Offered Amendments:** None.

- 16 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.