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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
HUMAN SERVICES & HOMELESSNESS**

**Friday, March 22, 2019
8:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 329**

**In consideration of
HOUSE RESOLUTION 73**

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSPICUOUSLY POST CLEARLY LEGIBLE SIGNS AT EACH PUBLIC PARK OR BEACH WITHIN THE AREA OF OAHU BOUNDED BY KALAELOA AND MAKAHA THAT DISPLAY THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OR HOTLINE NUMBERS OF ANY COUNTY OR STATE AGENCY THAT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS PERSONS.

House Resolution 73 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to conspicuously post clearly legible signs at each public park or beach within the area of O‘ahu bounded by Kalaeloa and Makaha that display the telephone numbers or hotline numbers of any county or state agency that provides assistance to homeless persons. **The Department appreciates the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department does not manage any of the public parks in the specified area. It is our understanding that the public beach parks affected by this measure are under the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu. Although the Department often has jurisdiction over the unencumbered beach seaward of City beach parks (i.e., the wet sand), these areas are in the wave inundation zone and not appropriate locations for posting signs.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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March 22, 2019

TO: The Honorable Representative Joy A. San Buenaventura, Chair
House Committee on Human Services & Homelessness

FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness

SUBJECT: **HR73 – REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSPICUOUSLY POST CLEARLY LEGIBLE SIGNS AT EACH PUBLIC PARK OR BEACH WITHIN THE AREA OF OAHU BOUNDED BY KALAELOA AND MAKAHA THAT DISPLAY THE TELEPHONE NUMBERS OR HOTLINE NUMBERS OF ANY COUNTY OR STATE AGENCY THAT PROVIDES ASSISTANCE TO HOMELESS PERSONS**

Hearing: Friday, March 22, 2019, 8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 329, State Capitol

POSITION: The Governor's Coordinator appreciates the intent of this measure, and respectfully offers comments.

PURPOSE: The purpose of this resolution is to request the Department of Land & Natural Resources (DLNR) to conspicuously post clearly legible signs at each public park or beach within the area of Oahu bounded by Kalaeloa and Makaha that display the telephone numbers or hotline numbers of any County or State agency that provides assistance to homeless persons.

The Coordinator acknowledges the need to inform homeless individuals and the general public regarding the available resources to address homelessness, such as shelter and permanent housing programs. Within the geographic region identified by the resolution, the Department of Human Services (DHS) contracts Kealahou West Oahu to provide homeless outreach services, which include informing homeless individuals about shelter and other services. Homeless outreach to unsheltered individuals is critical because many unsheltered individuals lack access to a telephone or to a computer. Outreach providers, such as Kealahou

West Oahu, provide a critical link to service and also offer assistance with transportation to shelter and other treatment programs if needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.