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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Monday, April 1, 2019
10:20 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 115/SENATE RESOLUTION 85
REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PRIORITIZE THE PLANTING OF FOUR
MILLION TREES ALONG STREETS AND ROADWAYS WITHIN THE NEXT FOUR
YEARS TO HELP ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE AND MAKE COMPLETE
STREETS STATEWIDE**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 115/Senate Resolution 85 requests that the Governor prioritize the planting of four million trees along streets and roadways within the next four years to help address climate change and make complete streets statewide. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these measures.**

The Department and partners have documented a five percent loss in urban tree canopy in a five year period on O'ahu, our most populous island. This equates to a removal of over 76,000 trees. The Department strongly supports actions, such as this one, to reverse this trend statewide. Trees in urban and rural areas encourage safer streets (by slowing traffic), reduce urban heat island effect, improve stormwater runoff and erosion, improve air quality, and sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/30/2019 1:05:46 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members:

Please support SCR115, but with the amendment that the trees be planted in a nonwater-intensive area.

Thank you for your time and the opportunity to present my testimony.

Andrea Quinn

Kihei

SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/30/2019 10:07:18 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Eric Micha'el Leventhal	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Trees add beauty, reduce urban heat, improve stormwater runoff and erosion, improve air quality, and help fight global warming by sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Please support this bill - mahalo nui loa!

SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 5:15:54 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jonathan Boyne	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Trees add beauty, reduce urban heat, improve stormwater runoff and erosion, improve air quality, and help fight global warming by sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Please support this bill.

SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 9:16:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kanani Kai	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 7:40:10 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
donald erway	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 12:02:11 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
John NAYLOR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Of course we should plant trees! Cooling shade, beauty, carbon off set, fruit, erosion control, air quality are all positive aspects of more trees. Let's do it!

Mahalo,

JN Makawao



LATE

To: The Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Monday, 4/1/19

In support of SCR 115

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee members,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. On behalf of our 6,000 members and supporters, 350Hawaii.org **strongly supports SCR 115.**

Trees add beauty, reduce urban heat, improve stormwater runoff and erosion, improve air quality, and help fight global warming by sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. All these things benefit everyone, making this measure a WIN:WIN for all.

We respectfully submit the following comment for your consideration. This measure should be amended to specify that trees selected for this project are native trees which are suited for the area and, in general, will require less precious water.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in **strong support** of this measure

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 4:13:36 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Nandoskar	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Trees add beauty, reduce urban heat, improve stormwater runoff and erosion, improve air quality, and help fight global warming by sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Trees also improve mental and physical health by encouraging the parasympathetic nervous system to activate which relieves stress, lowers blood pressure and enhances overall well being.

Please support this bill.

LATE

SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 9:20:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Ted Bohlen	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Would help reduce atmospheric carbon and global warming.

LATE

SCR-115

Submitted on: 3/31/2019 9:38:58 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

the concepts of Complete Streets is core to the success of the Kona Community Development Plan and other "Smart Growth" plans around our state. i've been a member of the original steering committee for the KCDP and currently sit on its Action Committee.

Without trees and complete streets, there is no chance of Smart Growth and a better life for our residents. It's a simple way to create beauty, clean and cool our air without fossil fuels and create a sense of well-being that is impossible to calculate in dollars.

Please support this bill and our islands' safe and sane future.

mahalo and sincerely

janice palma-glennie

kailua-kona

LATE

SCR-115

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 8:01:08 AM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Judith A Mick	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha - Please supportt the plan to plant trees on our streets and roadways to help fight climate change. Mahalo. Judy Mick, Kailua

SCR-115

Submitted on: 4/1/2019 1:38:40 PM

Testimony for WAM on 4/1/2019 10:20:00 AM

LATE

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nanea Lo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Hello,

Trees add beauty, reduce urban heat, improve stormwater runoff and erosion, improve air quality, and help fight global warming by sequestering carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Please support this bill.

me ke aloha 'Ä• ina,

Nanea Lo