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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, April 12, 2019
10:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 15
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT
COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT KANEOHE,
KOOLAUPOKO, OAHU, FOR THE EXISTING PIER AND SEAWALL, AND FOR USE,
REPAIR, AND MAINTENANCE OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTED THEREON**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 15 requests the authorization to issue a term, non-exclusive easement covering 351 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands identified as tax map key: (1) 4-5-058:seaward of 030, at Kaneohe, Koolaupoko, Oahu for the use, repair, and maintenance of the existing pier and seawall constructed thereon, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (“Department”) strongly supports this Administration measure.**

The current owner (grantee) of the abutting property, Shea Alan Sutton, worked with the Department to resolve the encroachments. The improvements were found encroaching on State lands located makai of the shoreline and such area should be considered as submerged lands. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (“Board”) may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on April 27, 2018, under agenda item D-6, the Board approved the issuance of a term, non-exclusive easement for purposes stated above.

The grantee has paid the State the fair market value of the easement, in the amount of \$14,900, as determined by an independent appraisal for the use of public lands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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