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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM  
and  
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, March 27, 2019  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 158/SENATE RESOLUTION 124  
ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY AND THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' STATE  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION TO WORK WITH COMMUNITY  
ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
HISTORICAL MARKERS AND TRAILS**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 158/Senate Resolution 124 encourage the Hawaii Tourism Authority (HTA) and the Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Division to work with community organizations to assist in the establishment of historical markers and trails. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments.**

The Department recognizes that these resolutions are consistent with the purposes of the HTA. It is not clear, however, that proportion of additional visitor use in rural areas is consistent with protecting the character and value that make Hawaii a desirable place to visit and to live.

The Department has considerable experience with trails on state lands, and the conflicts that can arise. Heavy visitor use of public trails often leads to substantial conflict between the visitor/users and the local residents. These conflicts occur in both rural and urban areas. The Department's recent experience suggests that the conflict more substantial in rural areas.

The Department believes that the desirability of new trails, historical makers, and promotion of additional use of existing trails should not be assumed. The resolutions call for the program to

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be carried out in collaboration with community organizations. The Department believes that such collaboration must be the center piece of the sort of program contemplated in these resolutions, and that it must be clear that moving forward in any particular community must begin with acceptance of that program by the community. Community acceptance cannot be assumed.

Accordingly, if the Committees' decide to advance these motions, the Department believes that these resolutions should be amended to reflect the importance of community acceptance of any markers and trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.



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Hawai'i Tourism Authority  
before the  
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**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 158 AND SENATE RESOLUTION 124**

Chairs Wakai and Kahele, Vice Chairs Taniguchi and Keith-Agaran, and members of the Senate Committees on Energy, Economic Development and Tourism and Water and Land: The Hawai'i Tourism Authority (HTA) **supports** Senate Concurrent Resolution 158 and Senate Resolution 124, which encourages the Hawai'i Tourism Authority and the Department of Land and Natural Resources' State Historic Preservation Division to work with community organizations to assist in the establishment of historical markers and trails.

The Hawai'i Tourism Authority through its programs and partnerships with community organizations endeavors to integrate authenticity into every part of our branding and management of the Hawaiian Islands. Our work emphasizes and works to perpetuate Hawai'i's unique cultural heritage. Recognizing fully that kama'āina, of yesterday and today, are vital to the quality of the visitor experience, creation of authentic tourism product, and developing sustainable economies for communities statewide.

It is for these reasons that the HTA **supports** Senate Concurrent Resolution 158 and Senate Resolution 124. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony on these resolutions.

**SR-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:

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**SR-124**

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| De MONT R. D.<br>CONNER | Testifying for<br>Ho'omanapono Political<br>Action Committee<br>(HPAC) | Support                   | Yes                       |

Comments:

**WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION! EVEN THOUGH WE BELIEVE THAT THE HTA SHOULD BE ABOLISHED & THEIR ANNUAL BUDGET BE HALVED & GIVEN TO THIS STATES CONSTITUTIONALLY MANDATED AGENCIES: DHHL & OHA! IT'S TIME WE EXAMINED THE DEADBEAT STATE OF HAWAII GOVERNMENT IN ITS FAILURE TO FULFILL IT FIDUCIARY DUTIES TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS, WITH EXAMPLES OF WASTE OF \$\$\$ ON AGENCIES LIKE THE HTA & PLACING NATIVE HAWAIIANS AS A LOW PRIORITY FOR FUNDING OF THEIR TRUSTS!**

**SR-124**

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| Dylan P. Armstrong  | Testifying for Oahu County Democrats | Support                   | No                        |

Comments: