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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

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12:30 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE GM839
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE NATURAL
AREA RESERVES SYSTEM COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, DR.
DONALD DRAKE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2024.**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message (GM) 839, nominating Mr. Donald Drake to the Natural Area Reserves System Commission (Commission) for a term to expire 06-30-2024.

Dr. Donald Drake is a well-respected botanist with expertise in plant ecology, especially aspects of reproductive ecology that influence plant population and community dynamics, which is highly relevant to plant conservation in Hawai'i. He is a Professor and the Associate Director at the School of Life Sciences, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa and an active member of the Hawaii Rare Plant Restoration Group. Much of his recent work focuses on how changes in animal communities (pollinators, seed dispersers, and seed predators) affect plant recruitment from seed. He holds a Ph.D. in Botany thus fulfilling the Commission membership requirements of Section 195-6, Hawai'i Revised Statutes, as an expert in a relevant field.

The Department strongly supports GM 839 and recommends that the Senate confirm the appointment of Mr. Donald Drake on the Natural Area Reserves System Commission.

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