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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Thursday, March 28, 2019
10:20 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1405, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
BUDGET**

House Bill 1405, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 proposes to adjust the Fiscal Biennium 2019-2021 operating budget for the State Executive Branch programs of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) under the purview of the House of Representatives standing committee on Water, Land and Hawaiian Affairs. **The Department supports funding for the LNR 804 Game Program provided in this measures that was not incorporated into House Bill 2, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1. Additionally, the Department respectfully asks favorable consideration for the incorporation into this measure of Administration requests that were not included in House Bill 2, House Draft 1, Senate Draft 1, Conference Draft 1.**

LNR 101 Public Lands Management

To ensure the effective and efficient use of miscellaneous public lands not otherwise set aside to other agencies, in ways that fulfill the public trust obligations and promote the sustained social, environmental and economic well-being of Hawaii's people.

To protect and conserve Conservation District lands and beaches within the State of Hawaii for the benefit of present and future generations, through regulation of uses of public and private lands in the Conservation District.

- The Department respectfully asks favorable consideration of the Administration's request for a special fund ceiling increase for the Land Legacy Conservation Fund for acquisition of resource value land (\$2,364,905/\$2,364,905 B). The special fund ceiling increase is

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necessary to help resolve the critical problem of underinvestment in protecting our natural capital base.

- The Department respectfully asks favorable consideration of the Governor’s Message No. 6 request to increase the special fund expenditure ceiling for Special Land and Development Fund. The ceiling increase is necessary for the utilization of public lands for income generation (\$3,000,000/\$3,000,000 MOF B). Proposed priority projects include planning for the DLNR Industrial and Business Park at Pulehunui, Maui; Environmental Impact Statement for East Kapolei/UH West O’ahu Transit Station Development; and Hawai’i District Land Office design and construction.

LNR 804 Forest and Outdoor Recreation

To manage and protect watersheds, native ecosystems, and cultural resources, and to provide outdoor recreation and sustainable forest product opportunities, while facilitating partnerships, community involvement and education.

- HB 1405, HD2, SD1 adds \$800,000 in FY20 and \$400,000 in FY21 in general funds for the Game Related Program statewide. The Department supports this addition provided it does not impact the Administration’s objectives as indicated in the Executive Budget.

LNR 806 Parks Administration and Operation

To manage, maintain and enhance state park operations and infrastructure and programs for the public by providing statewide administrative and interpretive services, formulating overall policies and plans, and determining current and future needs for state parks and Land Water Conservation Fund supported activities. To provide public safety and quality to recreational and cultural park experience while minimizing potential impacts to natural and cultural resources when developing and operating state parks.

- The Department respectfully asks favorable consideration of Administration’s request for \$1,546,456 in FY20 and \$1,546,456 in FY21 in general funds for four (4) **current** county lifeguard services contracts.
- The Department respectfully asks favorable consideration to change the means of financing for the \$3,000,000 in FY20 and \$3,000,000 in FY21 for four (4) county lifeguard services contracts, from special funds to general funds because the program does not generate enough revenues to sustain these costs.

LNR 906 LNR – NATURAL AND PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT

To enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the Department by formulating policies, directing and coordinating operations: fiscal management, information technology, communication, personnel, and providing other core administrative support services.

The Kaho’olawe Island Reserve Commission manages Kaho’olawe, its surrounding waters, and its resources, in trust for the general public and for a future Native Hawaiian sovereign entity. The KIRC is placed administratively under the Department.

The Aha Moku Executive Committee, through its Executive Director, helps to identify indigenous practices for natural resource management, fosters understanding and practical use of native Hawaiian resource knowledge, methodology and expertise, and sustains the State’s marine, land,

cultural, agricultural, and natural resources through providing community education and fostering cultural awareness on the benefits of the Aha Moku system.

- The Department respectfully asks favorable consideration of funding in general funds for the Aha Moku Committee (\$22,000/\$22,000 A).
- The Department respectfully asks favorable consideration to add a position count for the Aha Moku Executive Director and to change of the means of financing for this position from special funds to general funds. LNR 906 does not have a revenue generating special fund that can cover payroll and fringe benefit costs associated with the position.
- The Department respectfully asks favorable consideration to add one (1) temporary position and general funds for Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (\$153,000/\$153,000 A). The position and funds were initially established by Act 140, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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House Bill 1405 HD2 SD1 adjusts the operating budget for the fiscal biennium 2019-2021 operating budget of certain Department of Land and Natural Resources programs under the purview of the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Water, Land, & Hawaiian Affairs. The Kaho‘olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) strongly supports this measure and **request it be amended to reinstate funding for the KIRC Cultural Resource Project Coordinator (1.0 FTE at \$53,000) and funding for operational expenditures (\$100,000) in LNR906 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021.**

House Draft 1 amendment reduced general fund appropriation for LNR 906 to \$22,000 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The KIRC submitted a request to continue the funding for the 1.0 FTE KIRC position (\$53,000) and \$100,000 in operating expenses appropriated by Act 140, SLH 2018 for fiscal years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in LNR 906. This request was approved by the DLNR, Department of Budget & Finance and the Governor.

After speaking to the author of this measure and Chairperson of House of Representatives Standing Committee on Water, Land & Hawaiian Affairs, it was discovered that the funding specified for this request was inadvertently left out of the previous amendment because the request did not readily identify it was for Kaho‘olawe and that he supports the addition of this funding for KIRC. The KIRC critically needs the continuation of this position and funds in the upcoming biennium to support the protection of archaeological and cultural resources of Kaho‘olawe as well as the operating funds to support volunteers, contractors and KIRC staff while on Kaho‘olawe.

The KIRC respectfully request the measure be amended and the funds in LNR906 for the KIRC position (1.0 FTE) and operating expenses \$100,000 be reinstated.

HB-1405-SD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brian Miyamoto	Testifying for Hawaii Farm Bureau	Support	Yes

Comments:



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MĀLAMA I KA HONUA. *Cherish the Earth.*

SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

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In SUPPORT of HB1405 with Amendments: Relating to DLNR Budget

Aloha Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and members of the WAM committee,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **strongly supports HB1405 with amendments** to fund several programs of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Our recommended amendments are:

- Remove "County of Kaua'i" from LNR 404 for the environmental review of certain water permits. We note that SB223 is currently being considered by the House to transfer certain Kaua'i irrigation systems to the Department of Agriculture, which we support. In addition, other Kaua'i entities relying on water permits have capacity to fund their own environmental reviews. We support funding to the Water Commission to fulfill Chapter 343 requirements on behalf of water permit holders in the County of Hawai'i.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of HB1405 with amendments.**

Mahalo,
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Chapter Director