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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
PUBLIC SAFETY, VETERANS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, February 5, 2020  
10:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 430**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1794  
RELATING TO DISASTER RELIEF**

House Bill 1794 proposes to extend the lapse date of the appropriation for Kauai flooding disaster relief made by Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to June 30, 2021. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.**

The Department sustained substantial damage to its facilities on Kauai due to the heavy rains and flooding events in April 2018. The Department received Act 12 funds for recovery response for several locations and facilities and is currently implementing these projects. The additional time to complete the flood response work will be appreciated.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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By

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Aloha Chair Takayama, Vice-Chair Gates and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Emergency Management Agency (HI-EMA) **supports** House Bill 1794.

House Bill 1794 extends the lapse date of the appropriation for Kauai flooding disaster relief made by Act 12, Session Laws of Hawaii 2018, to June 30, 2021.

HI-EMA recognizes the importance for the continuations of appropriations provided by this measure.

Note: My comments represent HI-EMA concerns at the state emergency management level only. I would defer to the separate comment/testimonies of the county emergency management agencies, as they would be the jurisdictions impacted by this legislation at the local level.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 1794.

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**HB-1794**

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