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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1253, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS ON CERTAIN STATE LANDS**

Senate Bill 1253, Senate Draft 2 proposes to decriminalize traffic infractions within natural area reserves, game management areas, wildlife sanctuaries, and public hunting areas. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration measure.**

Act 101, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, included an amendment to Section 184-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to decriminalize traffic violations within the Department's State Park System. This bill proposes to similarly decriminalize traffic violations in lands managed by the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife. This bill proposes to simplify resolution of minor criminal offenses, reducing effort and resources expended to resolve minor criminal offenses for the Department, police, prosecutors, and the Judiciary. It is also consistent with other jurisdictions' treatment of parking as an offense.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
David Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Decriminalizes traffic infractions on DLNR/DOFAW lands, similar to rules in other divisions. It's a no-brainer for the public - who wants a petty misdemeanor for a parking ticket?