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**STATE OF HAWAII  
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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committees on  
WATER AND LAND  
and  
TRANSPORTATION**

**Friday, February 8, 2019  
1:15 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

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

Senate Bill 1253 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) strongly 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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**SB-1253**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Cathy Goeggel	Testifying for Animal Rights Hawai'i	Oppose	No

Comments:

**SB-1253**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Arvid Tadao Youngquist	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

I oppose SB 1253 Relating to Penalties for Violations on Certain State Lands. Illegal parking should not be the sole issue here. Reckless driving and speeding redered decriminalized in effect will diminish or render DLNR powerless as stewards of its preserves. If staffing is the difficulty in enforcing citation of offenses, perhaps the correct redy is to fund an increase to DNLR to increase enforcement officers. Mahalo.

Arvid T. Youngquist

SD14, Voter & Resident