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TESTIMONY BY RODERICK K. BECKER  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEES ON ENERGY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,  
AND TOURISM AND WATER AND LAND  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 1386

**February 8, 2019  
3:10 p.m.  
Room 414**

**LATE**

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate Bill (S.B.) No. 1386: requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to develop and achieve a State 2030 natural resources conservation goal action plan; allocates 1% of Transient Accommodations Tax (TAT) revenues to accomplish the action plan; and appropriates \$350,000 in general funds in FY 20 and FY 21 to develop the action plan.

The Department of Budget and Finance notes that S.B. No. 1386 only allocates the 1% of TAT revenues (about \$6.2 million per year) to achieve the plan. The measure does not specify which DLNR special fund is to receive the new allocation and no special fund appropriation is made to expend the proposed allocation.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

**SB-1386**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:07:47 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2019 3:10:00 PM

**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mark Fox	Testifying for The Nature Conservancy	Support	Yes

Comments:

This measure recognizes the critical importance of investing in protecting our limited and exhaustible natural resources so that they will continue to support us with fresh water, productive fisheries and farmlands, cultural treasures, and a healthy lifestyle. Thank you.



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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND**

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**In SUPPORT of SB 1386:** Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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Aloha Chair Kahele, Chair Wakai, and members of the committees,

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i **supports SB 1386**, which requires the department of land and natural resources to develop a state 2030 natural resources conservation goal action plan and allocates one per cent of the revenues of the transient accommodations tax to the department in order to achieve the action plan.

Efforts made by DLNR to improve native forests, increase mauka to makai water flow, and support the conservation of our natural resources are critically needed to directly reduce the impacts of climate change and ensure healthy ecosystems for all who call Hawai'i home. We must ensure that we invest in the health of our environment through action-oriented projects that have measurable short and long-term goals. The creation of a state 2030 natural resources conservation goal action plan and adequate funding for this action plan through the TAT are steps we support. Additionally, we certainly encourage and support the legislature to "Double DLNR", as the preamble states. Although the 1% allocation of TAT won't double DLNR's budget yet, this bill is a good start.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony in **support of SB 1386**.

Mahalo,

*Jodi Malinoski*

Jodi Malinoski, Policy Advocate

**SB-1386**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:22:10 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2019 3:10:00 PM



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

Comments:

Dear Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Taniguchi, Chair Kanahale, and Vice Chair Keith-Agaran,

I am in **strong support** of SB1386, which calls for the state Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to develop a statewide 2030 natural resource conservation goal action plan and allocating a percentage of the revenues of the Transient Accommodations Tax to DLNR in order to achieve that plan.

DLNR's incredibly broad, and incredibly important, mandate requires both careful planning and implementation, which is simply not feasible without adequate funding. Adopting this legislation is an important step in that direction, and will be vitally important to maintaining what makes these islands truly special.

Malama pono me ke aloha pumehana,

David Forman, resident of Ka'imuki, O'ahu

**SB-1386**

Submitted on: 2/8/2019 8:53:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/8/2019 3:10:00 PM

**LATE**

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

Comments:

I support this new use of 1% of Transient Accommodation Tax to be assigned to DLNR. It is for a plan for sometime in the future 2030 and will not divert the normal funds. Planning for other goals than currently included in the Department's mission will be helpful. Allowing the Executive Branch to request an increase in this 1% share of the TAT when necessary in the next budget cycle is suggested by undersigned.

Arvid T. Youngquist

Resident and Voter, Sen. Dist. 14

**SB-1386**

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**LATE**

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Emily Gaskin	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

I am writing to express my support for SB1386. I believe that DLNR serves an important roll in our community and I hope to continue to see their programs expand.

Mahalo!

Emily

**LATE**

**SB-1386**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Miranda Steed	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please pass this bill. Our natural resources are critical to our future, especially in light of the climate crisis. Increasing DLNR's budget is essential to ensuring a healthy future for the islands.