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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER, LAND, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday, March 15, 2019
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 277, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Senate Bill 277, Senate Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) priority projects, including the industrial and business park at Pulehunui, East Kapolei/University of Hawaii (UH) West Oahu campus transit station development and the Hawaii District Land Office. **The Department strongly supports this measure.**

The projects that would be funded by this measure are key initiatives designed to provide critical long term support for the Department's operations. The proposed Department of Land and Natural Resources Industrial and Business Park at Pulehunui, Maui and the proposed East Kapolei/UH West Oahu Transit Station Development are large-scale land development projects intended to provide lands for lease in order to provide long-term sources of income to support the Department's resource protection and management programs. The Hawaii District Land Office project is intended to renovate an existing facility to provide a larger office space to support the Department's Land Division staff on the island of Hawaii. The funding is intended to be used to support each project in the following ways:

Proposed Department of Land and Natural Resources Industrial and Business Park at Pulehunui, Maui: Funding would allow the Department to contract for planning consultant services to assist with the entitlement process upon completion of the Environmental Impact Statement, such as Land Use district boundary amendment, change in county zoning and general plan amendment. The Department is one of several state and county agencies with long term land use plans for the area.

Proposed East Kapolei/UH West Oahu Transit Station Development: Funds would go to contract for an Environmental Impact Statement necessary to obtain

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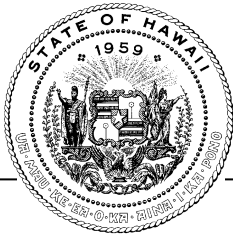
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entitlement approvals and ultimately develop the parcels. The Department has already received funding from the State Office of Planning, and is in the process of conducting a strategic master plan for the parcels.

Proposed Hawaii District Land Office: The Department currently has an architect under contract for the project, as well as an available site. The additional funds would be used to complete design and construction of the new facility.

As this measure proposes to appropriate monies from the Department's Special Land and Development Fund, there would be no impact to the general fund budget or other funding priorities. As such, the Department respectfully requests that the \$3 million appropriation become an annually recurring expenditure ceiling increase for the fund. This would allow the fund to provide more support to other Department programs, and enhance the financial self-sufficiency of the Department. Current and projected fund revenues will support this expenditure, as well as an annual expenditure ceiling increase.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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Statement of
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
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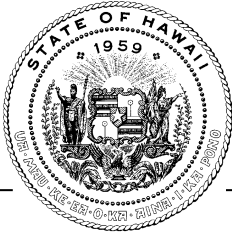
Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, and Members of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Natural Resources.

The Office of Planning (OP) **strongly supports** SB 277, SD1, which would appropriate funds from the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (DLNR) Special Land and Development Fund for priority projects, including the preparation of an environmental impact statement for the redevelopment of four DLNR parcels in East Kapolei that are slated for transit-oriented development (TOD). The project is a key State project on Oahu in the TOD Council's *State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development*; and is one of the TOD CIP funding requests that the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD Council) has recommended for funding by the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2020.

The redevelopment of the DLNR East Kapolei parcels as part of a mixed-use community served by transit is a signature project for DLNR—and will be an important source of revenue for DLNR, providing much-needed resources to supplement funding for the Department's many conservation and resource management functions.

DLNR is currently engaged in master planning for the four East Kapolei parcels. OP provided supplemental funding from a Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation for the master planning effort to enable greater exploration of the TOD opportunities for the four parcels. The conceptual master plan project is anticipated to be completed by the end of this year. The funds being appropriated in this measure will enable DLNR to proceed with the environmental review process once the master plan is complete.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.



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The redevelopment of DLNR's East Kapolei parcels project is a key State project on Oahu featured in the TOD Council's *State Strategic Plan for Transit-Oriented Development*; and is one of the TOD CIP funding requests that the TOD Council has recommended for funding by the Legislature for Fiscal Year 2020. A copy of the TOD Council recommendations to the 2019 Legislature of its TOD CIP request endorsements is attached for your reference.

DLNR is currently engaged in master planning for the four East Kapolei parcels, which the TOD Council has been monitoring and facilitating through the State TOD Planning and Implementation (Oahu) Project that is being conducted with the assistance of the TOD Council and its permitted interaction groups. In addition, the Office of Planning has provided

supplemental funding from a Fiscal Year 2016 appropriation for the East Kapolei master planning effort to capitalize on TOD opportunities for the four parcels. The conceptual master plan project is anticipated to be completed by the end of this year. The funds being appropriated in this measure will enable DLNR to proceed with the environmental review process once the master plan is complete.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.