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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
TRANSPORTATION**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2020
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 11/SENATE RESOLUTION 12
REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO AUTHORIZE THE
NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD TO ADOPT AND ENFORCE
REGULATIONS FOR INCREASED SAFETY STANDARDS FOR HELICOPTERS AND
SMALL AIRCRAFT THAT CHARGE FEES FOR CARRYING PASSENGERS ON
RECREATIONAL FLIGHTS**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 11/Senate Resolution 12 requests the United States Congress to authorize the National Transportation Safety Board to adopt and enforce regulations for increased safety standards for helicopters and small aircraft that charge fees for carrying passengers on recreational flights. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these measures and offers the following comments.**

The Department, through its Divisions of State Parks, and Forestry and Wildlife, manages large areas of the State which are subject to constant overflights by tour helicopters and small aircraft, and helicopter noise is a universal complaint of park visitors. We are also aware of safety issues, including the proliferation of unauthorized drone usage in areas also frequented by helicopters. The Department's operations are also frequently supported by helicopter transport of staff and equipment to remote areas. The Department believes that the creation and enforcement of regulations for increased safety standards for helicopters and small aircraft in Hawai'i would enhance safety and provide higher quality visitor experiences.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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