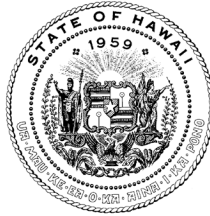


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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1020, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO ADAPTIVE NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

House Bill 1020, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to temporarily adopt, amend, and repeal certain natural resource rules by formal Board action at a publicly noticed meeting if the Board finds that such adoption, amendment, or repeal is necessary to implement effective and adaptive management measures in response to rapidly changing resource conditions. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department is responsible for managing and administering the aquatic and terrestrial wildlife resources of the State. These natural resources are impacted by a variety of environmental and anthropogenic factors, some of which may change rapidly and frequently. To effectively manage these natural resources, the Department needs the flexibility to quickly and efficiently implement adaptive management measures that are informed by the best available scientific information.

The administrative rule-making process prescribed by Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, serves the important function of providing opportunity for public review and input. However, it is not designed for rapid implementation of adaptive management measures in response to changing resource conditions. This bill would provide the Department with an additional tool to quickly implement certain temporary adaptive management measures, while also providing opportunity for public review and input.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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