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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on  
WATER & LAND**

**Thursday, February 18, 2021  
8:30 AM**

**State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 430**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1030  
RELATING TO THE AQUATIC LIFE AND WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

House Bill 1030 proposes to repeal Section 197-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), establishing the Aquatic Life and Wildlife Advisory Committees (Committees) and amend Sections 197-1 and 197-2, HRS, to conform with that repeal. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration bill and offers the following comments.**

The Department has implemented the Fiscal Biennium 2021-2023 Program Review to identify ways to: 1) reduce expenditures; 2) identify programs, functions, and activities that, although well-intentioned, are of marginal benefit, low performing, or of lesser priority; and 3) identify cost-saving opportunities in core and primary programs and services through tightening program eligibility, reducing program benefits, improving efficiency, or cost shifting due to anticipated budget reductions resulting from the impacts of coronavirus (COVID-19).

After thorough review and scrutiny, the Department has determined that the Committees have rarely convened or been needed, and as such, are outdated. While this bill would reduce the size of the Animal Species Advisory Commission by removing the chairs of the Committees as members of the Animal Species Advisory Commission, the Department believes that there is sufficient representation on the Animal Species Advisory Commission to carry out its duties. The Department remains able to administratively convene a similar advisory committee if it deems necessary.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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