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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, April 7, 2021
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 229

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 22, HOUSE DRAFT 1
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENTS
COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT WAIOHULI-KEOKEA
(KIHEI), WAILUKU, MAUI, FOR THE EXISTING SEAWALL, AND FOR THE USE
MAINTENANCE, AND REPAIR OF THE EXISTING IMPROVEMENTS
CONSTRUCTED THEREON**

House Concurrent Resolution 22, House Draft 1 requests the authorization to issue term, non-exclusive easements covering a total of approximately 928 square feet, more or less, portion of state submerged lands identified as Tax Map Key (2) 3-9-011:seaward of 008 at Waiohuli-Keokea (Kihei), Wailuku, Maui, for use, maintenance and repair or existing seawall constructed thereon pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this Administration concurrent resolution.**

The easement covers improvements that were constructed partially on private land and partially on state-owned land seaward of the record boundary. The shoreline has since migrated landward, placing the improvements entirely seaward of the shoreline on submerged land. The area seaward of the parcel is identified as a state beach reserve, however, the land appears to be almost consistently underwater, with no beach area remaining. It also appears that most of the adjacent properties along the coastline have been similarly armored.

Parcel 008 consists of two condominium property regime (CPR) units, CPR 0001 and 0002. The owners of both CPR units, Rand 2013 Living Trust, Dated November 25, 2013 and Reconstruct Holdings USA, Inc., have worked with the Department to execute two separate easements for each respective CPR unit. Reconstruct Holdings USA, Inc. has since conveyed its interest in CPR 0002 to Timothy Vaugon Isted. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". Through multiple approvals, the Board has approved both easements, most recently at its meeting on October 12, 2018 under agenda item D-5. There was no public testimony in opposition.

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The easement areas have been reviewed and approved by the Department of Accounting and General Services' Survey Division, and fair market values determined by independent appraisal. Both applicants have paid consideration to the State for the easements in the amounts of \$19,700 and \$19,200 for CPR 0001 and 0002, respectively.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.