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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on  
TRANSPORTATION  
and  
HOUSING**

**Friday, March 19, 2021  
11:30 AM**

**State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 423**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 126/ HOUSE RESOLUTION 103  
REQUESTING THE HAWAII INTERAGENCY COUNCIL FOR TRANSIT ORIENTED  
DEVELOPMENT TO ESTABLISH A STATE TOD INVESTMENTS TASK FORCE TO  
PRIORITIZE NEAR TERM INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS FOR FUNDING WITHIN  
PRIORITY TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT AREAS.**

House Concurrent Resolution 126 and House Resolution 103 propose to request the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit Oriented Development (TOD Council) to establish a State TOD investments task force to prioritize near term infrastructure projects for funding within priority TOD areas. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these resolutions.**

The Department is a member of the TOD Council and has four parcels adjacent or in close proximity to the planned Keone'ae rail station in East Kapolei across from the University of Hawaii West Oahu (UHWO), and located in one of the priority areas in the TOD strategic plan. The Department's long-term objective is to lease the parcels for income generating purposes to support the Department's natural resource management and protection programs. The Department's planned uses for the parcels include transit oriented mixed uses such as commercial, retail, hotel, medical and 1,000 planned affordable rental housing units. Additionally, the Department intends to include light industrial uses for parcels located further away from the rail station.

In addition to generating income to support its programs, the Department believes that the proposed project will be a critical economic, employment and residential component of the East Kapolei community. The Board of Land and Natural Resources approved the draft strategic development plan that included those proposed uses at its meeting on October 23, 2020. The Department is currently in the process of procuring consultant services to develop an

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Environmental Impact Statement for the project. The Department has received support from the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit Oriented Development and the State Office of Planning for the development of these parcels. The Department recognizes the significant challenge to develop the necessary infrastructure and has reached out to other state agency landowners in the area to explore opportunities to collaborate on infrastructure projects.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.

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Comments:

I am available for questions. Please allow me Zoom access. Thank you.