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SUZANNE D. CASE
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Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

Tuesday, February 16, 2021
10:00 AM

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 772, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

Senate Bill 772, Senate Draft 1 proposes to authorize the issuance of special license plates to support forest and ocean conservation, with proceeds from the program to be used to fund conservation efforts at State beaches, nearshore waters, and forests; and increase the initial application and renewal fees for special number plates from \$25 to \$100. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

The Department recognizes the importance of Hawaii's unique natural and cultural resources to sustaining life in the islands, and that management of these resources is substantially underfunded, especially when considering the challenges we face with climate change. As demonstrated over this past year, Hawaii's forests, beaches, and waters are vital to maintaining the health and well-being of our residents.

The Department supports this measure as it will provide the opportunity for dedicated funding to support the management of Hawaii's beaches, nearshore waters, and forests. As shown in other localities, people are more willing to support initiatives when they know their contributions will be put directly into the management of those areas or resources. The forest stewardship and beach restoration special funds are the appropriate funds to support the purposes of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 10:42:43 AM
Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kaitlyn Jacobs	Testifying for Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter	Support	No

Comments:

Surfrider Foundation Hawai'i region strongly supports this bill! This system works well in other states and can generate much needed funding for natural resources and conservation in the state.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 6:41:51 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charlie Quesnel	Testifying for Surfrider Maui Chapter	Support	No

Comments:

I support this bill.

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 11:33:11 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Carl J. Berg	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB772

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 3:18:53 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Maui OFR	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 3:51:35 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Douglas Perrine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB772

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Submitted on: 2/15/2021 5:05:12 PM
Testimony for WAM on 2/16/2021 10:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nicholas A Kida-Rodrigues	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support this option to provide a resource for citizens to help fund environmental protections, through the purchase of license plates.