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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
TRANSPORTATION**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2021
3:00 PM**

State Capital, Conference Room 224

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 772
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Senate Bill 772 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's beaches, nearshore environment, and forests; and increased 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. Further, as demonstrated over this past year, Hawaii's forests and beaches 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 environments, and forests. As shown in other localities, people are more willing to support initiatives if 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.

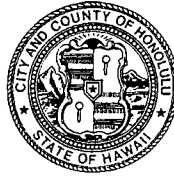
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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February 2, 2021

The Honorable Chris Lee, Chair
The Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Vice Chair
And Members of the Committee on Transportation
The State Senate
State Capitol, Conference Room 224
415 South Beretania Street
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Lee and Members of the Committee on Transportation

SUBJECT: S.B. No. 772 – Relating to Transportation

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD) **supports** the intent of this measure.

This bill authorizes the issuance of special number license plates and assessment of a charge to the registered owners of vehicles with the proceeds to be used to support forest and ocean conservation efforts which CSD supports.

CSD recommends the effective date of this bill be amended so the necessary computer programming and manufacturing of the license plates can be completed before the issuance of these plates.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony on S.B. No. 772.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nola N. Miyasaki". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Nola N. Miyasaki
Director Designate

LATE

SB-772

Submitted on: 2/2/2021 10:26:25 AM

Testimony for TRS on 2/2/2021 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michael Ferreira	Individual	Comments	No

Comments:

Regarding SB772, I believe the cost of the liense plate needs to be increased from \$25 but not a 300% increase. Thank you for allowing me to weigh in.

Michael Ferreira