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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Wednesday, April 6, 2022
1:00 PM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 229, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 776
SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY
LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE,
KANOE WILSON, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 06-30-2026**

The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports Governor's Message 776, nominating Kanoe Wilson to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2026.

Kanoe Wilson serves with distinction as an experienced member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission. She is from the County of Hawai'i and is knowledgeable about native Hawaiian culture (*see* Section 173A-2.4(a), HRS). During her first term, Ms. Wilson shone brightly as a guiding star in the Commission's review of numerous compelling and competing applications for grant funds, illuminating connections between resource protection; cultural beliefs, values, and practices; and community concerns and social needs. She also speaks as a leading voice that advocates for outreach, education, and public participation in all aspects of the Legacy Land Conservation Program. Ms. Wilson's continued presence on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission would be a tremendous benefit for the program, the people of our State, and the 'āina, and the Department requests that the Senate confirm Kanoe Wilson for a second term.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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Van Matsushige	Testifying for DLNR	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

I am available for questions to DLNR. Please allow me Zoom access.

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Thorne Abbott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Having worked with Ms. Wilson while I was on the Commission I can attest to her honesty, integrity, and commitment to a fair and unbiased process. I highly recommend her.