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**WRITTEN ONLY**  
TESTIMONY BY CRAIG K. HIRAI  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE  
TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND  
ON  
SENATE BILL NO. 2626

**January 31, 2022**  
**1:00 p.m.**  
**Room 229 & Videoconference**

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The Department of Budget and Finance (B&F) offers comments on this bill.

Senate Bill No. 2626 appropriates an unspecified amount of general funds for FY 23 for the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife, to purchase additional vehicles.

B&F notes that the federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act requires that states receiving Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) II funds and Governor's Emergency Education Relief II funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
- Higher education in FY 22 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for higher education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19.

Further, the federal American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act requires that states receiving ARP ESSER funds must maintain state support for:

- Elementary and secondary education in FY 22 and FY 23 at least at the proportional level of the state's support for elementary and secondary education relative to the state's overall spending, averaged over FYs 17, 18 and 19; and
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The U.S. Department of Education has issued rules governing how these maintenance of effort (MOE) requirements are to be administered. B&F will be working with the money committees of the Legislature to ensure that the State of Hawai'i complies with these ESSER MOE requirements.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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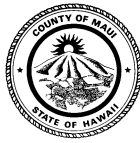
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January 30, 2022

TO: Honorable Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair  
Senate Committee on Water and Land

FROM: Alice L. Lee  
Council Chair

DATE: January 30, 2022

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 2626, RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND  
AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Forestry and Wildlife Maui branch for the purchase of additional vehicles.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I **SUPPORT** this measure for the following reasons:

1. The Department of Land and Natural Resources must maintain a fleet of vehicles for the necessary navigation of difficult terrain, particularly in remote areas such as Hana, in Maui County.
2. These vehicles are aging and are in need of being updated.
3. This bill would appropriate funds to assist with the purchase of much-needed new vehicles for the Department.

For the foregoing reasons, I **SUPPORT** this measure.

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Testimony for WTL on 1/31/2022 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Larry Pacheco	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom It May Concern,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony regarding the acquisition of new vehicles for the Waianapanapa State Park and East Maui Wayside Parks. Our East Maui Park Caretakers currently manage the day to day operations at the Waianapanapa State Park and three wayside parks along Hana Highway. Operations require staff to travel the narrow and heavily used Hana highway on a daily basis. Currently Waianapanapa staff utilizes three vehicles which were manufactured between 2006 and 2009. The Park Caretaker who services the three wayside parks currently operates a 2009 Chevrolet truck. All vehicles were originally purchased through the Government Surplus Vehicle program. Therefore, although we try to select the best vehicles available at these auctions, due to its age and prior use, they normally require costly repairs and frequent maintenance.

The primary reason for requesting new vehicles is for the safety of our staff who must traverse Hana highway on a daily basis. Having new vehicles with no underlying issues (brake problems, windows that won't close, windshield wipers that does not work, leaking roof, etc) will be such a positive for our program and for the morale of our staff.

In addition, the cost for repairing and maintaining these older vehicles really do add up. Whereas, a new vehicle if properly maintained and serviced, can go several years without the need for major costly repairs.

Additionally, the distance that staff must travel to central Maui for supplies or other needs on the narrow and winding Hana Highway is approximately 51 miles and 2.5 hours each way.

Thank you again for considering this request,

Larry Pacheco

State of Hawaii, DLNR

DIV. of State Parks

Maui District Superintendent

