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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Monday, March 28, 2022

1:00 PM

State Capitol, Conference Room 224, Via Videoconference

**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 243
ENGAGING, ENDORSING, ACCEPTING, AND ADOPTING THE NEW YORK
DECLARATION ON FORESTS TO ACHIEVE THE UNITED NATIONS PARIS
AGREEMENT AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT,
SPECIFICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 15, LIFE ON LAND.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 243 encourages the State to endorse, accept, and adopt the New York declaration on forests to achieve the United Nations Paris Agreement and the 2030 agenda for sustainable development, specifically Sustainable Development Goal 15, Life On Land. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it complements ongoing Department initiatives.**

The New York Declaration on Forests aims to half the loss of natural forests by 2020 and strives to end it by 2030. Currently, the Department is working toward the 30×30 Watershed Initiative to protect 30% of Hawaii's priority watershed forests by the year 2030. The Department would require additional financial investment in order to achieve the goals of the New York Declaration on Forests including funding for additional forest health measures including early detection and rapid response to forest diseases such as rapid ohia death, watershed fences, invasive species control, and wildfire management and mitigation.

Sustainable Development Goal 15 is core to the Department's terrestrial mission to ensure the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems and cultural and historic resources, in partnership with others from the public and private sectors.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted on: 3/26/2022 11:41:12 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Leah Laramée	Testifying for DLNR	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

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

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Submitted on: 3/25/2022 2:07:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jennifer Azuma Chrupalyk	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is *not* New York. Hawai'i shall gather it's own data and write its own Declaration, based upon:

1. its own geographical region: Hawai'i and New York are two completely different regions with different patterns
2. its own population demographics as it pertains to the amount of concrete, people, and industrial facilities.
3. based upon its own data.

Do you need help doing this? We can get a team going to get that done. It shouldn't take longer than a week. I can write the whole declaration off the top of my head already. You can contact my internship agent at jpatao@hawaii.edu and I can write this declaration for you for free, in about 4 hours time, through a free internship assignment. I'm in school for business because I'm already an expert at what I currently do: agro-economic solutions vis agro-forestry

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Submitted on: 3/25/2022 4:54:59 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Hawai'i	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To: The Honorable Michael Gabbard, Chair, The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing , Monday March 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Aloha Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara and members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment!

Position: The Climate Protectors Hawai'i supports SCR 243.

This resolution would provide that the Hawai'i Legislature endorses, accepts, and adopts the New York Declaration on Forests and urges federal leaders and the nation to embrace the goals of the New York Declaration of Forests and the 2030 Agenda and make sustainable development the centerpiece of national social and sustainable policies.

Maintaining existing forests is vital to sequestering atmospheric carbon. The goals of the New York Declaration of Forests and the 2030 Agenda will help maintain existing forests. **Please adopt this Senate Concurrent Resolution.**

Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i

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Submitted on: 3/26/2022 8:54:07 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Sherry Pollack	Testifying for 350Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

350Hawaii supports this resolution towards reduced emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in accordance with global climate agreements. Please pass this important resolution. Mahalo.

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Submitted on: 3/27/2022 4:18:26 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The Paris agreement is nothing but a Comunist plot to Steal monry from the people and make slaves of the people of the World any one that Votes for this should be labled as a Comunist and removed from the Government and America!!!

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Submitted on: 3/27/2022 6:39:01 PM

Testimony for AEN on 3/28/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support



Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

To: The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair
Committee on Agriculture and Environment

Re: **SCR 243 ENGAGING, ENDORSING, ACCEPTING, AND ADOPTING THE NEW YORK DECLARATION ON FORESTS TO ACHIEVE THE UNITED NATIONS PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE 2030 AGENDA FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; SPECIFICALLY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 15, LIFE ON LAND**

Hearing: Monday, March 28, 2022, 1:00 p.m., Conference Room 224 and via Videoconference

Position: **Strong Support**

Aloha, Chair Gabbard, Vice Chair Nishihara, and Members of the Committees on Agriculture and Environment:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawaii strongly supports SCR 243.

The NYDF outlines ten global targets related to protecting and restoring forests, which, if realized, have the potential to reduce annual carbon emission by 4.5 to 8.8 billion tons of CO₂ – the equivalent of the annual emissions of the United States. The ten goals of the NYDF are: (1) stop forest loss; (2) eliminate deforestation from agricultural activities; (3) reduce non-agricultural deforestation; (4) support alternatives to deforestation for subsistence farming, fuel, and other basic needs; (5) restore forests; (6) qualify forest conservation and restoration targets for 2030 as part of the 2030 Agenda SDGs; (7) reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation in accordance with global climate agreements; (8) provide financing for forest action; (9) reward countries and jurisdictions that reduce forest emissions; and (10) strengthen governance, empower communities, and recognize the rights of indigenous peoples. Thus, adopting the NYDF would accelerate progress with new partnerships to achieve the United Nations Paris Agreement and the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

This Resolution urges the federal leaders and the nation to embrace the goals of the NYDF and the 2030 Agenda and make sustainable development the centerpiece of national social and sustainable policies with is sorely needed.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Melodie Adaja and Alan B. Burdick

Co-Chairs, Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i