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In consideration of SENATE BILL 2152 RELATING TO THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate Bill 2152 requires the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) to approve all revoked, limited, condemned, removed, or shortened public land leases and revocable permits. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments on this measure.

This measure requires Board approval for any decision relating to the revocation, limitation, condemnation, removal, or modification of land leases and revocable permits. The Department notes that such actions regarding a lease are already subject to Board approval in an open, public meeting. For revocable permits (RP), many of the actions contemplated by this measure already go before the Board in most cases. Examples include the termination of an RP for default or significant modifications to the terms and conditions or area of an existing RP (usually accomplished via the cancellation of the existing RP and the issuance of a new RP, which also requires Board approval).

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.