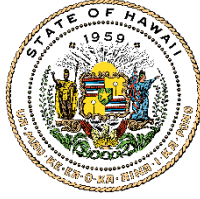


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**Before the House Committee on  
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**Thursday, April 11, 2024  
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**State Capitol, Conference Room 312 and Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 140 SENATE DRAFT 1  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A  
TASK FORCE TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP A GREEN HIGHWAY PROGRAM**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 140 Senate Draft 1 urges the Department of Transportation to convene a task force to research and develop a Green Highway Program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this resolution.**

The mission of the Department's Kaulunani Urban and Community Forestry Program is to "support all of Hawai'i's communities to cultivate wellbeing and resilience through planting, caring for and growing relationships with the trees and forests that we live with and that are crucial to the ecosystems on which we rely. We do this for our keiki, kūpuna, ourselves, our 'āina, and everyone's future." The Kaulunani Program builds capacity in our communities to plan for, establish, manage, and protect all manner of green infrastructure, including street trees, urban forests, green spaces, bioswales, and related natural areas where we live, work, and play. The urban tree canopy is declining, and with it, the benefits provided by urban green infrastructure. These resolutions and the work of a task force could help reverse that trend by expanding the canopy and reducing urban heat severity.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of this resolution.

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The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** this resolution which seeks to convene a task force to research and develop a green highway program.

The HDOT agrees that increasing Hawaii's tree canopy is an important goal and has committed to adding 1000 trees per year on lands managed by HDOT or the Department of Land and Natural Resources in locations that are appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.