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S.C.R. 140/S.R. 121
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO RESEARCH A GREEN HIGHWAY PROGRAM.

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

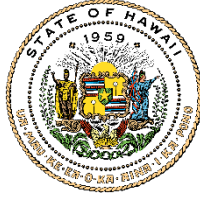
The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** this resolution which seeks to convene a task force to research a green highway program.

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.

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and
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In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 140/ SENATE RESOLUTION 121
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO RESEARCH A GREEN HIGHWAY PROGRAM

Senate Concurrent Resolution 140 and Senate Resolution 121 urges the Department Transportation to convene a task force to research a Green Highway Program. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports these resolutions.**

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, our 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 canopy and reducing urban heat severity.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify in support of these resolutions.

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Yes to:- REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
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