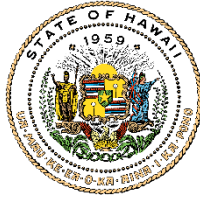


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In consideration of
HOUSE RESOLUTION 122
FIRE AND FLOOD MITIGATION IN SOUTH MAUI

House Resolution 122 supports substantive funding to mitigate fires and flood risk in South Maui; calls for policies regarding a net gain in wetlands, protection of anchialine pools, prioritizing the purchase of lands for restoration and habitat protection, native plant revegetation, and axis deer control. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers comments on this measure.**

The Department has no objections to the resolution. The Department points out this resolution affects multiple state agencies and that provisions in this resolution are already in place.

Page 2 lines 36 through 38 calls for a net gain in wetland policy under the Department's Division of Agricultural Resources. The Department does not currently have a Division of Agricultural Resources. Because multiple agencies regulate actions affecting wetlands, the Department suggests a net gain in wetland policy apply to the State rather than just the Department.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.