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Testimony of
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Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND

Tuesday, March 28, 2023
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 430

In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 104/HOUSE RESOLUTION 110
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO IDENTIFY
ALL STATE AND COUNTY ROADS, LANDMARKS, MONUMENTS, AND PUBLIC PARKS
THAT USE THE NAME "DIAMOND HEAD" AND IDENTIFY THE PROCESS FOR
RENAMING THESE ROADS, LANDMARKS, MONUMENTS, AND PUBLIC PARKS FROM
"DIAMOND HEAD" TO "LĒ'ĀHI"

House Concurrent Resolution 104/House Resolution 110 request the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to identify all state and county roads, landmarks, monuments, and public areas that use the name "Diamond Head" and identify the process for renaming these roads, landmarks, monuments, and public parks from name "Diamond Head" to Lē'āhi. **The Department supports the overall concept and provides the following comments.**

With the exception of Diamond Head State Monument, administered by the Department's Division of State Parks (State Parks), "all state and county roads, landmarks, monuments, and public parks that contain the name Diamond Head" are located outside of the Department's jurisdiction, and the Department would not have the authority to request or impose name changes to those features. This suite of areas required to be inventoried under this measure would be best suited for another agency, most likely the City and County of Honolulu.

The Department appreciates the intent to restore the traditional Hawaiian place name of Lē'āhi to features utilizing the modern name of "Diamond Head". The Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) must approve any state park name change, and the Division of State Parks is willing to propose to the Board renaming Diamond Head State Monument to "Lē'āhi State Monument" or other appropriate traditional name. The Board would consider pros and cons, as well as the necessary steps to achieve this name change for the State Monument, which is defined in statute under Section 6E-32, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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Presently, State Parks integrates Lē‘ahi as the traditional place name in literature, interpretive and educational materials, brochures and signage, but understands the desire to have traditional place names receive precedence in official nomenclature. If the Board approves a name change, the most the Department could do at that point would be to lead by example and suggest to the City and County of Honolulu that they may want to follow suit and rename area roads and city-owned public areas.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on these measures.

HCR-104

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Unnecessary use of taxpayer money.

HCR-104

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Cards Pintor	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

I support this resolution.

Mahalo nui,

Cards Pintor