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Testimony of WILLIAM J. AILA, JR. Chairperson

Before the House Committee on WATER, LAND, AND OCEAN RESOURCES

January 31, 2011 9:00 AM State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of HOUSE BILL 1081 RELATING TO INDUSTRIAL PARKS ON PUBLIC LANDS

House Bill No. 1081 is an Administration bill that provides the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) with flexibility in developing industrial parks on public lands to address the demand for industrial lands in the State.

The Department is taking a more proactive approach to managing public lands, including planning the use of public lands in a more efficient and productive manner. As part of this planning effort, the Department has identified several sites with possible development potential as industrial parks. The development of these sites as industrial parks would provide much needed industrial lands and generate much needed lease rent revenues for the State.

For example, there is a lack of available industrial lands in various areas, e.g., Hilo, Island of Hawaii. Development of industrial parks in those areas will help address the demand for industrial lands, keep lease rents reasonable, and provide options for lessees facing expiring lease terms. The proposed amendments to sections 171-141 and 171-142(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), would provide lessees facing expiring leases with the ability to directly negotiate new long-term leases for lands within a new industrial park.

Other proposed amendments clarify or correct certain provisions as follows:

(1) Section 171-132, HRS, provides that an industrial park must consist of at least five acres of contiguous lands. The proposed amendment to Section 171-132, HRS, clarifies that lands that are bisected by a roadway or roadways may be deemed "contiguous".

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(2) The proposed amendment to Section 171-135, HRS, deletes the requirement that a private entity selected to lease and develop an industrial park shall be selected pursuant to Chapter 103D, HRS, - Hawaii Public Procurement Code. The leasing of public lands is not a procurement issue, and therefore the Hawaii Public Procurement Code is not applicable. Instead, the leasing of public lands is governed by Chapter 171, HRS, which already contains the appropriate procedures for selecting a lessee.

The Department strongly supports this Administration measure.