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In consideration of HOUSE BILL 1537 RELATING TO CONSERVATION

House Bill 1537 requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to administer a permit program for grading and grubbing within shoreline areas of the State.

The Department appreciates the overall intent of this bill as it supports our goals and objectives for the conservation of coastal lands, but we are concerned about the additional regulatory burdens and cost implications (e.g., staffing and funding necessary to support a statewide grading and grubbing program) generated by this proposal. In addition, the Department notes that the shoreline area generally includes the area between the shoreline and the shoreline setback line as defined in Section 205A-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes. Thus, the program may duplicate county permitting (e.g., county building departments) functions within the shoreline areas of the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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