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**Before the Senate Committee on
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**In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 44, SENATE DRAFT 1
REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A LIPOA POINT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 44, Senate Draft 1 requests the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources to establish the Lipoa Point Management Council to explore options to protect and preserve the area's condition, provide support for the community, preserve cultural and recreational access, and protect the marine environment. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (“Department”) opposes this resolution.**

The Department recognizes the importance of engaging the various community stakeholders in the management of Lipoa Point and is committed to work with them. However, until the Board of Land and Natural Resources makes a determination regarding the long term management of Lipoa Point, the Department continues to expend its limited financial resources to implement interim management measures for public health and safety purposes. Accordingly, it is the Department's priority to support legislative action to allocate general fund revenues to assist with the ongoing management of the Lipoa Point property, as well funding a long term management plan.

The Department's prior support of this resolution was built around the premise that funding would be appropriated for land surveyor services, maintenance services, and development of a master plan. However, as this funding has not been provided, the Department is unable to support this resolution as limited resources prevent the Department from taking further action beyond the bare minimum in terms of management. As such, the Department believes this resolution is now premature without the funding mechanism that would allow for the appropriate land management and planning of Lipoa Point. Because this resolution no longer advances the Department's highest priority of the

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management and planning for Lipoa Point, the Department reluctantly withdraws its support of the resolution.

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