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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

#### Before the Senate Committee on WAYS AND MEANS

Friday, April 22, 2016 9:00 AM State Capitol, Room 211

In consideration of

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 58, PROPOSED SENATE DRAFT 1 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS FRONTING THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY: (2) 4-8-003: SEAWARD OF 006, OLOWALU, LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAII, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOULDER FILL REVETMENT TO PROTECT HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY FROM DAMAGE DUE TO SHORELINE EROSION

House Concurrent Resolution 58, Proposed Senate Draft 1, requests authorization for a 65-year term, non-exclusive easement for an estimated 28,244 square feet, more or less, located on state submerged lands identified as tax map key (2) 4-8-003: seaward of 006, at Olowalu, Lahaina, Maui, for the construction and maintenance of a boulder fill revetment to protect Honoapiilani Highway from erosion, pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this concurrent resolution.** 

During a shoreline survey and certification process, the Department of Transportation, Highways Division (DOT-Highways), discovered that erosion was impacting the Honoapiilani Highway in Lahaina, and requested an easement for the construction of and maintenance of a proposed boulder fill revetment as a shoreline protection measure. As required by Section 171-53, HRS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources (Board) may lease submerged lands "with the prior approval of the Governor and the prior authorization of the Legislature by concurrent resolution". At its meeting on August 14, 2015, under agenda item D-6, the Board approved the issuance of a 65-year term, non-exclusive easement to DOT-Highways for the purposes stated above. There will be no charge for the easement as it is part of a State highways project.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

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April 22, 2016 9:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 221

## H.C.R. 58, Proposed S.D. 1 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A TERM, NON-EXCLUSIVE EASEMENT COVERING A PORTION OF STATE SUBMERGED LANDS FRONTING THE PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS TAX MAP KEY: (2)4-8-003: SEAWARD OF 006, OLOWALU, LAHAINA, MAUI, HAWAII, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOULDER FILL, REVETMENT TO PROTECT HONOAPIILANI HIGHWAY FROM DAMAGE DUE TO SHORELINE EROSION

# Senate Committee on Ways and Means

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** and concurs with approved Board of Land and Natural Resources issuance of 65-year term non-exclusive easement to DOT by Agenda D-6, dated August 14, 2015 and September 11, 2015 for construction and management of shoreline protection improvement purposes which coincides with the requirement of Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statues.

This area was declared a Traffic Emergency Zone on January 2009 allowing DOT to initiate and undertake shoreline protection projects. DOT supports this highway project to protect a portion of the Honoapiilani Highway from further shoreline erosion. DOT has been granted immediate management and construction right-of-entry for this project.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.