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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
and
WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2018
11:00AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1983
RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 1983 proposes to make an appropriation from special funds to establish eight permanent full-time positions in the Department of Land and Natural Resources' (Department) Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE). **The Department supports this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Supplemental Budget request.**

This request would create and establish positions assigned to each county and provide focus on both water and land resources. The Department recognizes the critical need for additional enforcement personnel to provide increased protection of the state's natural and cultural resources. The Department also recognizes the need for more enforcement in many areas that our residents and visitors go to experience Hawaii's natural beauty such as state parks, trails, beaches and ocean waters. The positions created by this measure can be used to ensure a focus on protecting these high tourism and high use areas, where many of the state's natural and cultural resources are at risk.

The Department appreciates the Legislature's interest in advocating for additional funding and increased capacity for DOCARE.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



Testimony for
House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection
Representative Chris Lee, Chair
Representative Nicole E. Lowen, Vice Chair

House Committee on Water & Land
Representative Ryan I. Yamane, Chair
Representative Chris Todd, Vice Chair

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 11:00 a.m. Room 325

HB 1983 Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources

Dear Chairs Lee and Yamane, and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in **SUPPORT** of HB 1983 to provide two DOCARE positions for the City and County of Honolulu and the Counties of Hawaiʻi, Maui, and Kauai to be involved in cases and incidences relating to water resources and the same for land resources.

I am Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Pulama Lanai. Pulama Lanai is the entity that was set up by Larry Ellison to work with the community and government as we move the island of Lanai toward sustainability.

As a part of Maui County, we concur that the number of DOCARE officers we currently have do not provide the needed enforcement that is required to protect our environment. We have two very capable officers for all of Lānaʻi and its surrounding waters. It is not possible for them to see the negative actions, follow through with the investigations and subsequent court or fine actions on any basis that matches the violations that can occur. We would hope that these proposed specialized DOCARE officers will be able to assist our on the ground DOCARE officers in moving the violators forward to their penalty phase. We believe that four or more of these officers for each County would make an even greater enforcement ability.

We must protect our environment for our future generations to enjoy and love with the same care and attention that we believe is necessary.

We humbly ask that you SUPPORT HB 2101. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana
With warm aloha,

Lynn P. McCrory
Senior Vice President of Government Affairs

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Testimony for EEP on 2/14/2018 11:00:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Erica Scott	Cuddle Party	Support	No

Comments:

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Jennifer Milholen	Kokua Hawaii Foundation	Support	No

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION,
WATER & LAND

Wednesday, February 14, 2018, 11:00 AM, Conference Room 325
HB 1893, Relating to the Department of Land and Natural Resources

TESTIMONY

Chair Lee and Yamane, and Committee Members:

I support HB 1893 which appropriates funds to establish new, permanent, full-time enforcement officer positions for the DLNR Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement..

This is a positive move to correct chronic understaffing in a division charged with protection of our very vulnerable and important natural resources.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Robin Kaye	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this much-needed bill. Our DLNR DOCARE officers are the front line in protecting our natural environment.

This bill would be much improved, however, if it were to include an additional DOCARE officer for Lana'i.

I realize that this bill proposes a division of labor for the new DOCARE officers (one for water resources, one for land.) While I support that as a good idea, even just one additional officer (with combined responsibilities) for Lana'i would be a significant addition to our island's efforts at protection and preservation of our natural resources.