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## STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, May 13, 2020 1:00 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE 779 SUBMITTING FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONFIRMATION TO THE LEGACY LAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION, GUBERNATORIAL NOMINEE, WILLIAM ALBERT HAASE, FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 30, 2024

The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports Governor's Message 779, nominating Mr. William Albert Haase to the Legacy Land Conservation Commission for a term to expire June 30, 2024.

Mr. William "Butch" Haase resides on Molokai (Maui County) and possesses membership in a land conservation organization organized in the State, such that his appointment serves to fulfill membership requirements for the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, Sections 173A-2.4(a) and -2.4(a)(3), Hawai'i Revised Statutes. He currently serves as Commission Chairperson (as elected by his fellow commissioners) and previously served as Vice-Chairperson.

As Executive Director of the Molokai Land Trust, Mr. Haase is widely respected for leading the group's accomplishments in conservation transactions, ecosystem protection and restoration, and community-based economic development. As a member of the Legacy Land Conservation Commission, he takes a practical, no-nonsense approach to investigating the potential for each grant applicant to succeed in all aspects of land conservation, from on-the-ground resource management to on-the-books financial capacity. Butch also works closely with staff and leadership of the Legacy Land Conservation Program (LLCP) to help identify and assess LLCP opportunities, promote LLCP initiatives, and strengthen LLCP performance.

The Department supports GM 779 and recommends that the Senate consent to the nomination of Mr. William Albert Haase for a four-year term on the Legacy Land Conservation Commission.

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Mahalo,

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