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In consideration of **SENATE BILL 99** RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate Bill 99 proposes to appropriate funds to establish two permanent full-time equivalent fisheries technician IV positions and for operating expenses for the Nu'uanu Reservoir recreational fishing program at Nu'uanu Reservoir Number Four. The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.

For many years, the Department operated a highly-successful recreational fishing program at the Nu'uanu Reservoir. The Department would welcome any financial or operational support to reestablish this program, as long as it does not take away from the Department's other important management priorities. The Department notes that the Nu'uanu Reservoir is under the jurisdiction of the City and County of Honolulu's Board of Water Supply, and the Department does not currently have an agreement allowing us to stock and run a public fishing program there.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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