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In consideration of

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 102/HOUSE RESOLUTION 85 REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, TO DEVELOP A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A STATE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY IN HAWAII

House Concurrent Resolution 102/House Resolution 85 requests the Legislative Reference Bureau, in collaboration, with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and University of Hawaii, to Develop a Plan to Establish a State Geological Survey in Hawaii. **The Department supports these resolutions and offers comments.**

A State Geological Survey would provide additional data on natural resources and hazards. The collection, analysis, organization, and communication of this data will become more critical as climate change transforms the geological and climatic processes that affect our islands.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these measures.