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Testimony of SUZANNE D. CASE Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

Monday, April 18, 2022 1:30 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 225, Via Videoconference

In consideration of HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 82 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING THE MOUNT KA'ALA NATURAL AREA RESERVE TO INCLUDE THE SLOPES OF MOUNT KA'ALA, PARTICULARLY IN THE WAIALUA DIRECTION

House Concurrent Resolution 82 urges the Department Of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to explore the possibility of expanding the Mount Ka'ala Natural Area Reserve to include the slopes of Mount Ka'ala, particularly in the Waialua direction. **The Department supports this measure.**

The Department is willing to explore the option to expand the Mount Ka'ala Natural Area Reserve to further protect native ecosystems. A map on the next page shows the Reserve, and the adjacent Mokule'ia Forest Reserve which is also managed by the Department's Division of Forestry and Wildlife for native ecosystem, watershed, and other resources. Below (north) of those Reserves is private land.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

Mt. Ka'ala Natural Area Reserve



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Comments:

I am available for questions to DLNR. Please allow me Zoom access.