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Before the Senate Committees on
PUBLIC SAFETY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND MILITARY AFFAIRS
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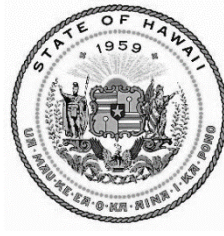
In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 562, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PERMITS

House Bill 562, House Draft 1 (HB 562, HD1) proposes to establish an exemption from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, or School Facilities Authority. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) acknowledges the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department appreciates the House Committees on Water & Land (WAL), Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC), and Finance's (FIN) recognition of our concerns with the exemptions from applicable county permit requirements for repetitive construction projects for facilities under the control of the Department of Education, University of Hawaii, or School Facilities Authority and its potential unintended impact on the State of Hawai'i's continued participation in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP).

The Department appreciates and recommends retaining the amendment added by WAL to HB 562, HD1, Page 1, lines 10-14, which reads "provided that no contract for repetitive construction projects shall be exempt from federal, state, or county floodplain management development standards or statutes, codes, ordinances, rules, or regulations with which compliance is required under the National Flood Insurance Program".

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.



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**Testimony in SUPPORT of HB562 HD1
RELATING TO PERMITS**

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The School Facilities Authority (SFA) **supports the intent** H.B. 562 HD1 which seeks to establish an exemption for repetitive construction projects for public school facilities under control of the Department of Education (DOE), University of Hawaii (UH), or School Facilities Authority.

As the SFA continues to work with the DOE and UH on effectuating the expansion of pre-kindergarten classrooms pursuant to Act 46 SLH2020 and Act 257 SLH2022, addressing permit issues for common and repetitive work will be of great importance in meeting the deadlines established by the Legislature. The SFA appreciates the Legislatures continued efforts to assist the SFA with tools to meet the needs of our Keiki.

The SFA notes that it does not currently have the internal infrastructure or capacity to independently manage its own permitting process. The SFA looks forward to working with the Legislature on the resources that will be needed to establish this process internally to effectuate this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.