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S.B. 3266
RELATING TO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts

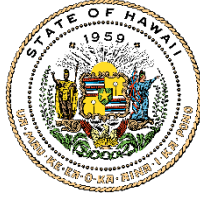
The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) **supports** this bill which makes appropriations to the HDOT to promote vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State.

The HDOT agrees that vegetation management is a valuable method of addressing potentially hazardous conditions to improve public safety. The appropriations would support the HDOT to improve vegetation management, fire breaks, expand on native planting, and create emergency access routes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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Chairperson**

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TRANSPORTATION AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

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**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3266
RELATING TO VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

Senate Bill 3266 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Transportation for vegetation management projects to reduce the risks of wildfires across the State and declares that the general fund expenditure ceiling is exceeded. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Department of Transportation should consult with the Departments' Division of Forestry and Wildlife and the county fire departments to prioritize areas where vegetation management will occur along State roadways to reduce wildland fire fuel loads and devise a maintenance schedule for these areas.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SB-3266

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Carlos Lamas	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

My name is Carlos Lamas, a resident of Lahaina and I stand in support of SB3266. This bill enhances vegetation management to mitigate the risk of wildfires in our state. As someone deeply concerned about the safety and well-being of our communities and the preservation of our natural environment, I believe this bill represents a significant step forward. By allocating funds towards vegetation management projects, we're not only working towards preventing devastating wildfires but also safeguarding our ecosystem and ensuring a safer future for all residents.

Mahalo for reading my testimony in support of SB3266.

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