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**Testimony of
RYAN K.P. KANAKA'OLE
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**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1553, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HABITAT CONSERVATION PLANS**

House Bill 1553, House Draft 1 mandates that any existing habitat conservation plan not including an agreement for emergency medical and rehabilitation services for affected native wildlife be amended to incorporate such services. The bill becomes effective on 7/1/3000. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure.**

Wildlife rehabilitation centers provide an essential service for native wildlife in Hawai'i and should be fairly compensated for their efforts. This bill requires current incidental take license holders with habitat conservation plans to update their plans and agree to enter annual service contracts with wildlife rehabilitation centers.

Mahalo for the opportunity to support this measure.