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Testimony of
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ENERGY AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

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In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 20
AND
SENATE RESOLUTION 17
STRONGLY SUPPORTING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII'S EFFORTS TO DEVELOP THE
KEALAKEHE REGIONAL PARK PROJECT.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 and Senate Resolution 17 strongly support the County of Hawaii's efforts to develop the Kealakehe Regional Park project. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources ("Department") supports these resolutions and offers the following comments.**

The Department would like to clarify that the 190-acres described in the two resolutions are state-owned lands currently set-aside to the County of Hawaii via Governor's Executive Order No. 4355 for public purposes including the Kealakehe wastewater reclamation field, North Kona golf course and/or public park purposes. Therefore, we recommend the following edits to the resolutions:

Starting on page 1, Line 3:

"...~~county~~ state-owned land, set-aside to the County of Hawaii, in North Kona, bounded by Queen Ka'ahumanu Highway

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on this measure.