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Before the Senate Committees on WATER AND LAND and TRANSPORTATION

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In consideration of **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 130** REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH ROYAL HAWAIIAN GOLF CLUB TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF OLD GOVERNMENT ROAD

House Concurrent Resolution 130 requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to work with the Royal Hawaiian Golf Club to develop a plan for the management and maintenance of an Old Government Road in the Waimanalo area. The Department strongly supports this resolution.

The Department has been working with the landowner for years on this issue of public access to Maunawili Falls. Frequent public trespass over private lands has become a problem for the landowner and the Department. Maunawili Falls Trail is managed by the Department to provide access to the popular Maunawili Falls. This highly used public trail is clearly marked, but the citizens choose to take an alternative path through private lands to the Falls.

Recently, Department staff met with Representative Ito, the introducer of this resolution, to look into alternative access that will minimize the public's impacts on private property. The Department has had many discussions with the landowner on this topic. The importance of this resolution is timely because agreement to using the Old Government Road for public access is being developed. This resolution reinforces the Department's commitment to work with the landowner to mitigate their concerns and provide public access to Maunawili Falls.

The Department appreciates the opportunity to testify in strong support of this resolution.

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