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WATER & LAND

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State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3063, SENATE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO DISPOSITION OF LANDS IN WAIPIO VALLEY

Senate Bill 3063, Senate Draft 2, proposes to establish a working group and appropriate unspecified general funds for the purchase of land located in Waipi'o Valley, Island of Hawai'i, from the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this bill.**

The Department supports collaborating with the proposed working group members to explore the most beneficial actions for the possible acquisitions. Identification of important natural, cultural, and historic resources for protection is the first step in determining how to strategically manage and protect these resources. Any acquisition of lands or interests in lands would be subject to regular due diligence procedures of the Department, including the approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources under Section 171-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), and the approval of the Attorney General required under Section 107-10, HRS.

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FROM: Blair D. Collis
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RE: Senate Bill 3063: Relating to Disposition of Lands in Waipio Valley

Thank you for this opportunity to testify on behalf of Bishop Museum with respect to SB 3063 relating to the disposition of lands in Waipio Valley. We acknowledge the cultural and historical importance of Waipio Valley and seeking the best stewardship of an invaluable resource is always at the forefront of Bishop Museum's mission.

The purpose of this bill is to make an appropriation for the purchase of land in Waipio Valley. We thank the legislature for taking up this important issue. We wish to work collaboratively with legislators involved in crafting this measure and to contribute positively to the ongoing discussion about the feasibility of the state acquiring Waipio Valley lands.

We support the intent of SB 3063 and note that our request to be a part of the ongoing conversation about the specific details should this bill move forward has been addressed by adding us to the working group. We would request that this measure either continue to blank out the funding amounts or to defect the date so that concerns about implementation can be identified and addressed prior to final passage.

Bishop Museum was founded in 1889 by Charles Reed Bishop in honor of his late wife, Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the last descendant of the royal Kamehameha family. Bishop Museum is designated the State Museum of Cultural and Natural History and is a non-profit organization with the mission to engage people in the presentation, exploration and preservation of Hawaii's cultural heritage and natural history.