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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Thursday, February 25, 2021
11:00 AM**

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 308

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 95, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO SPECIAL LICENSE PLATES FOR NATURAL RESOURCES**

House Bill 95, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize the issuance of special license plates for recognition and protection of the State's natural resources. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Biennium Budget request.**

The Department recognizes the importance of Hawaii's unique natural and cultural resources to sustaining life in the islands, and that management of these resources is substantially underfunded, especially when considering the challenges we face with climate change and the current economic crisis. Further, as demonstrated over this past year, Hawaii's natural resources are vital to maintaining the health and well-being of our residents.

Similar fundraising license plates are utilized across the country, to great success, in states such as Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia, and California, to name a few. Even here in Hawaii, National Parks are utilizing this creative and effective fundraising tool.

The Department supports this measure as it will provide the opportunity for dedicated funding to support the Department's Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement. As shown in other localities, people are more willing to support initiatives if they know their contributions will be put directly into the management of the resources. The Conservation and Resources Enforcement Special Fund is the appropriate fund to support the purposes of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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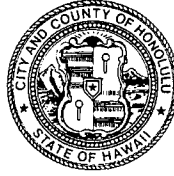
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The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Ty J. K. Cullen, Vice Chair
And Members of the Consumer on Finance
The State House of Representatives
State Capitol, Conference Room 308
415 South Beretania Street
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Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee on Finance:

SUBJECT: H.B. No. 95, H.D.1, Relating to Special License Plates for
Natural Resources

The City and County of Honolulu, Department of Customer Services (CSD)
supports the intent of this measure.

This bill authorizes the issuance of special number license plates and
assessment of a charge to the registered owners of vehicles as a fundraising effort for
the recognition and protection of the State's natural resources which CSD supports.

CSD recommends the effective date of this bill be amended so the necessary
computer programming and manufacturing of the license plates can be completed
before the issuance of these plates.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on H.B. No. 95, H.D. 1.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nola Miyasaki".

Nola N. Miyasaki
Director

HB-95-HD-1

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrea Quinn	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear Honorable Committee Members,

Please support HB95.

Thank you,

Andrea Quinn