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Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

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State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2681, HOUSE DRAFT 2, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE BONDS FOR
WAILUKU RESERVOIR #6

House Bill 2681, House Draft 2, Senate Draft 1 proposes to authorize the issuance of special purpose revenue bonds to assist the owner of Wailuku Reservoir No. 6, make safety improvements to the facility which would benefit the public's health, safety and general welfare. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure as it would assist the dam owner with an economic means to bring their facilities in compliance with current safety standards and reduce the risk of a dam failure to the surrounding community.**

Wailuku Reservoir (Reservoir) No. 6 is an off-stream reservoir located in the Waikapu Gardens Subdivision in the town of Wailuku on the island of Maui. The Reservoir is owned by the developer of the subdivision, Spencer Homes, Inc. The reservoir was part of the agricultural irrigation system that was originally owned and operated by the Wailuku Water Co. Use of the reservoir as a water storage facility has been discounted. The reservoir is now surrounded by residential developments and functions as a storm water retention structure. The Reservoir has a height of 33 feet and storage capacity of 56 acre-feet which meets the Department's jurisdictional size criteria for inclusion as a regulated dam per Hawaii Revised Statutes Chapter 179D (Dam Safety Act of 2007). Due to its location within a subdivision, the Reservoir is classified as a high hazard structure. A high hazard structure is defined as a dam or reservoir whose failure will result in probable loss of human life.

Although the Department has not ordered the Reservoir to be removed, the Department does concur that a properly designed breach or filling-in of the reservoir would be sufficient to remove the structure from regulatory jurisdiction and remove the risk of dam failure to the surrounding community.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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House Bill No. 2681, H.D. 2, S.D.1, authorizes the issuance of Special Purpose Revenue Bonds (SPRB) up to \$800,000 to provide financing to assist Spencer Homes, Inc. with Wailuku Reservoir #6 pursuant to Act 147, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012.

The Department is providing comments only to advise the Legislature and prospective SPRB parties that should the legislation be approved, approval of the SPRB issuance will require further discussion and satisfactory credit underwriting review of the financing components with respect to any proposed financing.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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Comments: The Hawaii Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers supports the measure because it would provide financial assistance to the owner of the dam to make essential repairs and maintenance for the continued use of the dam. ASCE has supported repairs for dams through its Infrastructure Score Card that reports on the condition of dams throughout Hawaii.

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Comments:

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