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TESTIMONY IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED Memorandum of Agreement between the Division of State Parks, the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, and the Department of Transportation for the Establishment of a Plant Protection Site and Seabird Mitigation Site and accompanying items

Aloha,

I have been a resident of Hawaii for almost sixty years, and a leaseholder within the Kokee State Park since 1975. I applauded the establishment of a rare plant ex-closure in the 1990s and have watched it flourish ever since.

Together with the statewide Natural Area Reserves System (NARS), established to preserve in perpetuity specific land and water areas which support communities, this cooperative approach among agencies will help to protect the natural flora and fauna, and the geological sites, of Hawai'i.

Thank you for this opportunity to support the fine efforts of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Very truly yours,