SB 360
RELATING TO THE ACQUISITION OF RESOURCE VALUE LANDS

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SB 360 would require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to plan for the acquisition of valuable lands.

Our statement on this bill does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Several bills have been introduced this legislative session that propose that the state acquire more forest reserve land particularly in West Hawaii. In at least one case (SB 318) the lands were identified by tax key but without further description and lack of time to pursue tax key maps, the specific value of these lands is not known to our reviewers. SB 360, on the other hand, would require DLNR to prepare a land acquisition plan, with periodic required revisions, "...for lands having value as a resource to the state." We strongly concur with the intent of SB 360 and note that if such plans were required then legislation such as is proposed in SB 318 and SB 319 would be more substantively guided.