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HB 3062
RELATING TO THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

House Committees on
Energy and Environmental Protection
Judiciary
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HB 3062 would convert the special natural area reserve fund to a revolving fund, and provide for an annual transfer of income from the public land trust into that fund of not more than \$4,000,000. Annual infusion of up to the same amount into the forest stewardship fund also shall be made from the proceeds and income of the public land trust.

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

This administration-sponsored measure addresses the need for dedicated funding for the natural area and forest stewardship partnerships. Because of prior uncertainties over the long term sustainability of funding for these programs, private landowners have expressed some hesitancy in committing their properties. This measure should provide the funding security necessary to allay the concerns of prospective private partners in these worthwhile conservation programs.