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THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEVELOP THROUGH A PRIVATE DEVELOPER
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Statement for
Senate Committee on
Energy and Natural Resources
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SCR 184 and SCR 186 would authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Transportation to develop through a private developer certain fast and submerged lands at Olowalu and Launiupoko, Maui for commercial and recreational purposes.

Our statement on these resolutions does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

In our previous testimony on resolutions that would authorize the lease of submerged and fast lands, we have called attention to the need for environmental assessments prior to leasing such lands in accordance with HRS 343-5(a), 343-5(c), and 190D-21(c).

In the case of the authorizations proposed by SCR 184 and SCR 186, we must respond further that the environmental impacts to the nearshore marine resources would be extremely significant. The developments proposed would significantly impact coral reefs, endangered green sea turtles and humpback whales.

We do not concur with the directives of these resolutions.