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Proposal 640
RELATING TO NATURAL RESOURCES

Statement for
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Proposal 640 would amend Section 2 of Article X of the Constitution to exclude "types of use authorized within conservation districts" from the general requirement that management powers over natural resources owned by the State be vested in a board or commission. This statement on the proposal does not represent an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

The intent of the proposal is not clear. Management powers over public lands in the conservation district are now vested in the Board and Natural Resources. Under the proposal they could remain with that Board. Where else could they appropriately be placed? Unless there is some alternative placement that would be at least as appropriate as placement in that Board, adoption of the proposal seems unwise. It would seem possible under the proposal that management powers over public lands in conservation district might not be placed anywhere.