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Jeff Trandahl
Executive Director
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RE: Notice of Grant Funding Consideration

Dear Mr. Trandahl,

Thank you for informing me of the grants submitted by several Hawaii non-profit organizations under consideration for funding by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation in the amount of \$1.2 million.

These 5 projects share the common goal of protecting seabird populations in the Honopu Valley on the island of Kauai. Kauai's seabird populations, specifically Newell's shearwater, Hawaiian petrel, and band-rumped storm petrel have fragile populations. These birds spend the majority of their lives at sea, returning to land only to find a mate and breed. Their populations have been at risk in recent years with more predators such as felines, ungulates, barn owls, and rats; and changes in their habitats due to invasive plants and feral pigs. In order to protect and grow these seabird populations, it is important that we take measures to restore their natural habitats and protect them from harm. The collaborative efforts of the grant applicants reinforce the importance of their efforts.

Accordingly, within applicable rules and regulations, I request your full and fair consideration of these grant applications. If you need additional information, please contact Norah Wimer in my state office at (808) 522-8970, or norah_wimer@hirono.senate.gov.

Sincerely,



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United States Senator

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