



March 15 , 2025

**Testimony in Support of SB1402(SD1)**

Aloha Chair Sayama, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of the Hawaii Longline Association (HLA), this testimony is in support of SB1402(SD1). HLA members include 150 active longline vessels based exclusively out of Honolulu Harbor as well as the United Fishing Agency (Honolulu Fish Auction). We understand that the intent of last year's mooring lines legislation was not to apply to fishing vessels and thus we are appreciative that SB1402(SD1) will remedy the omission of fishing vessels from list of exempted vessel types.

Hawaii longline vessels are considered small vessels with the average size being 72 ft in length and less than 200 gross tons. Hawaii longline vessels are easily maneuverable and typically use 2-3 mooring lines when tying up in port. Collectively the fleet makes over 1,500 fishing (round) trips per year as well as several thousand movements collectively within Honolulu Harbor during normal fish offloading and berthing procedures.

Last year's legislation on this matter exempted several types of vessels much larger than Hawaii longline vessels including those involved in shipyard repairs, construction, and maritime research.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of SB1402(SD1).

Mahalo

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March 18, 2025

TO: HONORABLE JACKSON SAYAMA, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE LEE,  
VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON LABOR.

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1402 SD1 HD1, RELATING TO VESSELS IN STATE COMMERCIAL HARBORS.** Clarifies that the requirements for the securing of mooring lines in state commercial harbors shall not apply to certain vessels.

HEARING

DATE: Tuesday, March 18, 2025  
TIME: 9:30 a.m.  
PLACE: Capitol Room 309

Dear Chair Sayama, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committees,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA **SUPPORTS** S.B. 1402 SD1 HD1, which clarifies that the requirements for the securing of mooring lines in state commercial harbors shall not apply to certain vessels.

The GCA supports this measure as it corrects an unintended consequence and aligns the law to the capture the original intent of the measure.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

**SB-1402-HD-1**

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Testimony for LAB on 3/18/2025 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Daniel Hazen	Holo Holo Charters, Inc.	Oppose	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

I am submitting written testimony in **opposition to SB1402** as it is currently written. While I appreciate the consideration given to smaller vessels, including fishing vessels, I am concerned that tour operators have been left out of the exemption.

To ensure that smaller vessels and their operators are explicitly protected from potential misinterpretation, I respectfully propose more specific language that clearly includes "**tour operators.**"

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

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Holo Holo Charters, Inc.