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**Testimony of  
DAWN N. S. CHANG  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Monday, February 10, 2025  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 1511  
RELATING TO HANAIEI BAY**

Senate Bill 1511 proposes to prohibit vessels longer than 75 feet from entering Hanalei Bay and exempts vessels operated by a federal, state or county agency. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department notes that there are no vessels longer than 75 feet in length within any state small boat harbors on Kaua'i, and there are no vessels longer than 75 feet in length commercially permitted by the Department to operate in Hanalei Bay; thus, this measure would impact larger vessels, such as cruise vessels and container vessels.

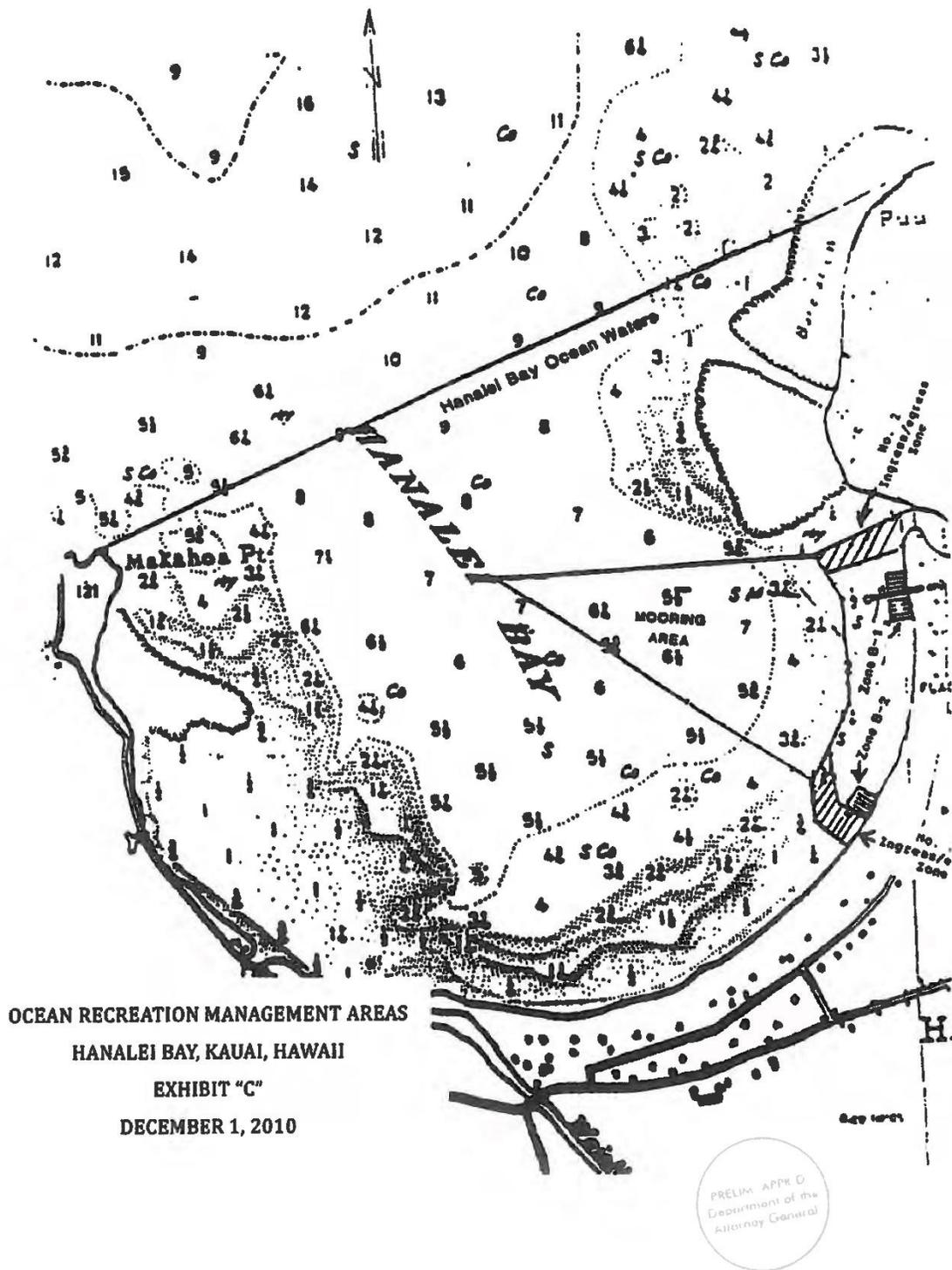
Hanalei Bay ocean waters are currently defined in Hawaii Administrative Rule Section 13-256-39, as shown in the following exhibit:

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Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**SB-1511**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

I appreciate the opportunity to comment. Large vessels have the potential to damage sensitive habitat in Hanalei Bay. I support this bill as an individual.

Aloha

Kim