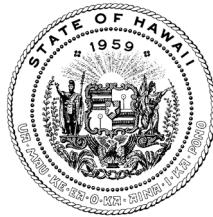


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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, February 17, 2021
1:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 1404
RELATING TO HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR

Senate Bill 1404 proposes to establish the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor Working Group for managing the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor by law. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) offers the following comments.**

The Department's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) formed the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor Working group (Working Group) and the first meeting was held in August 2018. The Working Group consists of harbor users, recreational users, commercial users, the Governor's Liaison, area Legislators, and representatives of DOBOR.

The Working Group has since been discussing a wide variety of topics ranging from harbor development opportunities to harbor management. Since the Working Group was formed over two years ago, there would be no reason to formalize it within the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Doing so would subject DOBOR to Chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, Public Agency Meetings and Records, which requires additional compliance that would be an unnecessary formality.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
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SB-1404

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:59:26 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/17/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Todd Tashima	Testifying for DLNR DOBOR	Comments	No

Comments:

I am available for questions. Please allow me Zoom access. Thank you.

SB-1404

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 12:11:37 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/17/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
janice palma-glennie	Testifying for Surfrider's Kona Kai Ea chapter	Comments	No

Comments:

Aloha,

It has come to our attention that a working group meant to assist in community/stakeholder management/input of the area adjacent Kaloko/Honokohau National Park is being addressed in SB1404. However, there is no mention of the National Park Service being a member of that group. This is a glaring omission. No one has been more steadfast in working for and having the goal of protecting the area's natural and cultural resources.

If the goal is to manage the harbor area better than it has been to date (which we agree is necessary), then the National Park Service MUST be part of the working group and not reliant on being appointed or chosen by another entity like a senator, etc.. Otherwise the effort will be like one arm of a person being controlled by their brain and the other arm controlled by a different person's brain.

Please amend this bill to say clearly that "the National Park Service shall have a seat on the working group".

mahalo and sincerely,

janice palma-glennie

for Surfrider Foundation's Kona Kai Ea chapter

SB-1404

Submitted on: 2/16/2021 10:28:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/17/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirstin Kahaloa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Please support SB 1404, relating to the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor. This working group would allow for all the voices involved in the harbor to be heard and provide win win solutions for all involved to better the state of our harbor. There are a great deal of economic opportunities that would be advantageous for our community, including our Ocean Recreation businesses, fishermen, and others, with the right collaboration and support that this working group could achieve.

Mahalo for your support of SB 1404 and Honokohau Harbor!

Kirstin Kahaloa,

Resident of Senate District 3

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SB-1404

Submitted on: 2/17/2021 11:35:52 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/17/2021 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
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Comments:

RELATING TO HONOKOHAU SMALL HARBOR

Any one person, or group, may meet, talk, and draft proposals (bills) to be considered by government.

I oppose formalizing the 'working group', especially as to function, as the management authority of the harbor, or, to supercede a government agency, as to allow it to lease its assets to a private entity. The harbor consists of ocean, submerged lands, and shoreline, ceded, lands.

That the only selected one(s) to be named as member(s), come from the Hawaii Fishing and Boating Association as occupants of the harbor is very telling.

The harbor lives in the midst of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park. How many harbor users even note the landmark at the harbor entrance - National Historic Landmark - Honokohau Settlement - recognized in 1960 !

Telling - of the lack of respect for the historical and cultural significance of this place, the place where they note, they occupy.

Should the group continue "working," then surely a member of the National Park Service, and a member of the Federal Advisory Commission to the Kaloko-Honokohau NHP, would be included. This working group must also be accountable to its neighbors, the Park, and the hawaiians and descendants of this "Spirit of Kaloko-Honokohau."