

Honorable Representative Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair
Honorable Representative Marilyn B. Lee, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

RE: HB 980, HD1 & HB 1766 - relating to Recreational Renaissance Commercial Water Activities in the small boat Harbors throughout the State of Hawaii - **WAIKIKI AREA RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION** is **IN STRONG OPPOSITION**

Good Afternoon Chair Oshiro, Vice Chair Lee and Finance Committee Members:

The Board of Directors of the Waikiki Area Residents Association, a quorum of 5 Directors including the President Lou Erteschik and Secretary Daisy Murai **have voted to OPPOSE House Bill 980, HD1 and House Bill 1766.**

The Board of Directors also authorizes Director Ray Gruntz of member Reggie White to represent our position in Opposing these 2 bills. The Waikiki Area Residents Association is comprised of residents living and working in the Waikiki/Kapahulu/Ala Moana/Kakaako areas, which includes the Ala Wai small boat harbor.

Thank you.

Daisy Murai, Waikiki Area Residents Association Secretary
3039 Kaunaoa Street
Honolulu, HI 96815
March 3, 2009

Date: March 3, 2009 (Tuesday)
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Conference Room 308
Fax: 586-6001

Daisy Murai

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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Fernando Frontera
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To: Finance Committee Chair and Members
Date: March 3, 2009
From: Asami Miyazawa [asamimiy@hawaii.edu]
Re: Testimony for HB 1766 - Relating to Small Boat Harbors

Dear Finance Committee Chair and Members:

I am writing in opposition of HB 1766. The bill, if passed, would: (1) create a safety hazard, especially in and around the channel; (2) impede recreational ocean activities such as surfing and paddling in the area; and (3) adversely affect the parking availability (and thus the accessibility of the beach) at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor.

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Thank you for your time, and I greatly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Mahalo,

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