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# Before the House Committee on OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Friday, January 31, 2014 8:30 A.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 325

### In consideration of HOUSE BILL 2552 RELATING TO OCEAN RESOURCES

House Bill 2552 proposes that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) conduct a study of Pohoiki Bay, Hawaii in order to resolve the conflicts between commercial boat tours and fishers that use the bay. **The Department offers the following comments.** 

The Department's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation has jurisdiction over the Pohoiki Bay launch ramp. The Division is responsible for issuing commercial use permits to vessels utilizing the Pohoiki Bay launch ramp as well as regulating recreational activities taking place at the ramp. The Department currently has the authority to regulate the area and a study would not be needed. The Department can commit to scheduling a meeting with the various user groups of the area to hear their concerns and determine whether additional rules are needed or not.

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Comments: Aloha Committee Chair, I would like to submit testimony in support of this measure if this measure will support the livelihood and/or cultural practices of native Hawaiian fisher people. Aloha and Mahalo, Jessica O. Kaikaina

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