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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirstin Kahaloa	Kona-Kohala Chamber of Commerce	Support	No

Comments: Please support as the Honokohau Harbor is important to ocean recreation in West Hawaii.

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Tom Tatum	Individual	Support	No

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2/1/2016

Honorable Members of Legislature of the State of Hawaii
Honolulu, HI

Aloha everyone,

Please find below my transcript of what I had hoped to present before the committee.

Unfortunately, I am unable to attend today, and will have to submit this instead.

Please accept this testimony and read it with the intensity I had hoped to convey in person.

Wishing you the best of success,

Jeff

Aloha afternoon honorable members of legislature for the great state of Hawaii and to all present.

I am Capt Jeff 'Hohonukai' Shattuck, I am an engineering consultant and acting secretary for the
Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association in Kailua-Kona, at Honokohau Harbor.

I appear before you today to speak for the adoption of this measure for the future of the Honokohau Harbor and the people who work and enjoy the land and waters on the leeward side of the Big Island.

Please be aware that the problems in the harbor and marina have continued a problematic spiral in intensity and compound year over year as the neglect and decay continue to spread.

Your honors, this is not the Hawaii we can be proud of. In a land where the natural beauty has the ability to take your breath away, the conditions in the harbor have the ability to make you choke, sometimes with tears. We hear a constant conversation among locals and tourists alike, that they are surprised at the conditions seen in the harbor. They thought it would be 'nicer', 'better taken care of', and plenty of negative comparisons to other vacation destinations.

However, they do not exaggerate. The issues vary from sewage leakage, with cases of workers contracting MRSA, to stray electric voltage in the water-some areas can not even be entered without shock, to the lack of facilities, the lack of ADA rated access for tourists, residents and guests, to various aspects of aging that are in desperate need of attention.

IN fact, Honokohau Harbor remains unfinished after 40 years.



Rather than creating a negative environment of contention with state agencies, the administration and honorable legislators are well aware of the issues surrounding DOBOR, we are asking for a model to be adopted that is based on the recently adopted model in Hilo, for the management of DLNRs Banyan Drive properties.

The newly formed management authority, granted by the state, and accountable to the state, will allow those who have a passion and vested interest for her well-being, to manage her care and keeping for the generations to come.

IN Hawaii, we have seen firsthand what neglect has done to the natural environment. There are examples so numerous, and reach so deep into the heart of the islands, we must be sure to carry forward a mandate to care for her better. Not only will she respond by giving to us, but we will in turn prosper by the healthy and well-taken care of aina. This has also been repeatedly seen in the state.

It bears mentioning that these measures will also in-turn provide increased revenue to the state, in the form of increased tourism use, and from property values increase in the surrounding areas.

IN part my message to you today is to stand before you and reassure you that if you will please support this measure, the people of the community of the leeward coast and of Honokohau Harbor will not let you down. We will work hard in the partnership with the state to make Honokohau an example of what a progressive and positive partnership can be. We will work hard to make the improvements, fix the problems, and ensure the future of the harbor.

IN conclusion, and very importantly, I wish to convey the message to you all, that we do more than attach our incomes and prosperity to the material success of the harbor. We truly care about what we view as our responsibility as the patrons of this ohana, we are as connected to the land and sea as we are to our future as people. Please support this bill knowing you have placed this responsibility of care into the hands of people who will accomplish this task.

Mahalo for your time, and may your continued efforts for the state of Hawaii be blessed with success.

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Shirlee M. Shumway	Individual	Support	No

Comments: After 2 Governors have promised to do something about the terrible conditions of Honokahou Harbor nothing has been done. The harbor is a gem waiting to be polished. The Charter boat Captains/owners have tried to help and get help to make the area visitor friendly. Other small communities on the Mainland have thriving Harbors. Oceanside & Marina del Rey in So. California are 2 that come to mind. Since our State cannot do anything lets privatize. Kailua-Kona needs a beautiful energized Marina and this Bill could start the procedure.

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Theodore Hoogs	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Honokohau Harbor is a world class fishing and diving destination that deserves improvements. Not only is there a lack of adequate needs for boaters its often a health hazard for clients and the public. In my lifetime growing up and working in Honokohau small boat harbor I have seen very few improvements, and many areas have stayed the same since harbor was created. Many improvements require slip holders and public to fix ourselves to make sure its safe and clean for our clients and public. Allowing the harbor to be managed by outside party or passing private ownership would be a step in right direction. Honokohau offers so much potential for our community and a already thriving tourist destination to support local businesses. Thanks for your time on this issue that impacts thousands of people in West Hawaii and around the world.

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