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Testimony of CARTY S. CHANG Interim Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

Monday, February 9, 2015 3:35 PM State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of SENATE BILL 886 RELATING TO A SMALL BOAT HARBOR IN PUKO'O, MOLOKA'I

Senate Bill 886 proposes to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance the planning and designing of a new small boat harbor in Puko'o, Moloka'i. While the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) acknowledges the intent of this measure, the Department nonetheless has concerns with the budgetary implications this bill may have on the Executive Biennium Budget request. The Department offers the following comments.

Were general obligation bonds to be made available, the Department would suggest that the funds be used for a feasibility study of building a small boat harbor in Puko'o. The study will develop a conceptual plan; identify potential impacts to archaeological, cultural and marine resources; and determine the amount of financial resources necessary to build the new harbor. The plan would solicit feedback from user groups and their feedback would be incorporated into the feasibility study. It is estimated that the cost of a feasibility study would be between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

From:	<u>Jason Matayoshi</u>
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To Land and water committee members and Senator Laura Thiclen,

My name is Jason Matayoshi and I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to review this issue all molokai boaters have on the east end of molokai.

We in great need of a boat ramp on the east end of Molokai. Currently the only boat ramp that allows trailer boats to launch at any given time is at kaunakakai harbor.

The primary reason for needing a boat ramp is safety. The fire department has to travel at minimum two hours from kaunakakai harbor. And when the weather is unfavorable it greatly adds to their response time. Also with no ramp if any boaters should run into problems they are forced to travel all the way to kaunakakai harbor to safety.

Secondly we need a ramp to give us boaters another option to launch. We would not only use it to fish but also for boating to Maui. Recently we've been using personal boats to take high school kids and their families to Maui for school functions and sports due to the reduced athletic travel funds.

The infrastructure is greatly needed and long overdue for the Molokai people. Beach launching and asking people to launch our boats is becoming more difficult. We thank you for your time in looking into this issue.

Mahalo

Jason Matayoshi

Sent from my iPhone

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aron Lum Ho
AT RAMP PROPOSAL PUKO"O, MOLOKAI
nday, February 08, 2015 7:35:45 PM

Aloha Chair Thielen and Committee Members,

My name is Walter Rawlins Sr. and I'm a resident of 69 years of Molokai, Hawaii. I live on the east side of Molokai. My reason for this letter is to put in a Proposal for a boat ramp on the east side of Puko'o, Molokai and not for a small boat harbor. We don't need electric or water in the area; we're just looking for a place to launch and park our trailer till we return from fishing. We rely on the land and especially the sea for our food. Puko'o is a remote area and far from everything. To go fishing here in Puko'o safely we will need to drive and tow our boats to Kaunakakai Harbor15 miles away to launch. It's a long drive on a 2 lane highway to the only boat ramp we have on the island. Then we would need to turn around to drive back home, not to mention the cost of gas on Molokai meets one of the highest in the state of Hawaii. Some people try to launch their boats around here but it's dangerous, because there's few deep areas where people can take their boats out and bring it back in without injury or wrecking their boats. Most of the areas where a few boaters launch are private property. Imagine if there was an emergency on the east side, we would need to go back to Kaunakakai which is 15 miles away to launch boat and then drive boat back there. Therefore, I sincerely ask that you and the committee members pass this bill.

Mahalo Nui Loa,

Walter Rawlins Sr.