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Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

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In consideration of

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 224/SENATE RESOLUTION 162 REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 224/Senate Resolution 162 request the Legislative Auditor to conduct a comprehensive management audit of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department offers the following comments.** 

The Department notes that the following management audits have been conducted for the Small Boat Harbor Program:

- 1976: Management Audit of the Recreational Boating Program (under management of the Department of Transportation)
- 1995: Follow-Up on a Study of the Financing of the Small Boat Harbors and Boat Ramps Program of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
- 1998: Audit of the Management of Small Boat Harbors and Boat Ramps
- 2001: Audit of the Management of State Boating Facilities by the Department of Land and Natural Resources

A financial audit of DOBOR is conducted every year. Additionally, the following financial audits and reviews have been conducted by the Legislative Auditor for the Small Boat Harbor Program:

- 1986: Financial Audit of the Boating Program (under management of the Department of Transportation)
- 2000: Financial Audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
- 2006: Financial Audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources

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- 2009: Department of Land and Natural Resources June 30, 2008 Financial Statements and Single Audit Report
- 2010: Department of Land and Natural Resources June 30, 2009 Financial Statements and Single Audit Report
- 2014: Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounting of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
- 2018: Review of Special Funds, Revolving Funds, Trust Funds, and Trust Accounting of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
- 2019: Department of Land and Natural Resources June 30, 2017 Financial Statement

When the Small Boat Harbor Program was transferred from the Department of Transportation to the Department in 1991, the Department received the then-\$300 million backlog of deferred maintenance projects, which include capital improvement projects (CIP) and repair & maintenance (R&M) projects. Adjusted for inflation, the deferred maintenance balance in 1991 dollars is equivalent to approximately \$660 million in 2023 dollars. As of the date of this testimony, the deferred maintenance balance of the Small Boat Harbor Program is approximately \$300 million; this equates to roughly half of the deferred maintenance being addressed, adjusted for inflation, since the Small Boat Harbor Program was first transferred to the Department in 1991. While the Department has been able to incrementally decrease the deferred maintenance balance of the Small Boat Harbor Program over the years, inflation, rising costs, and severe underfunding have hindered DOBOR's ability to fully clear the deferred maintenance backlog.

It is important to note that DOBOR's statutory mandate, contained in Section 200-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, includes operation of both the Small Boat Harbor and the Coastal Areas Programs, which expands DOBOR's jurisdiction to include ocean recreation activity management in ocean waters out to three nautical miles from shore. DOBOR is unable to adequately manage ocean recreation activity due to having to focus the majority of its staff and funding on the Small Boat Harbor Program.

The Department recommends that any audit focus on whether the current management structure and budget for the Boating and Ocean Recreation Program is adequate in comparison to management structures and budgets used in other jurisdictions and in harbors not managed by DOBOR, and for carrying out DOBOR's ocean recreation management mandate in addition to harbor management. Assessing DOBOR's management of small boat harbors without regard to the entirety of DOBOR's statutory mandates will not provide the full picture of DOBOR's performance.

If the Legislature is concerned with improving DOBOR's management strategies, the Department recommends allowing DOBOR to implement its 2019 Strategic Plan, which calls for Public-Private Partnerships for state small boat harbors as an improved management tool. The Department notes that DOBOR has not been able to fully implement the goals highlighted in its 2019 Strategic Plan because the necessary authorizing legislation has continually failed to pass the Legislature.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide comments on these measures.

# An open testimony

(Note: This testimony has been published on the Hawaii Ocean News website so that all of Hawaii might be aware of its existence.)

# Regarding <u>SCR224</u>:

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

# **Testimony submitted by:**

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On: March 23, 2023

# <u>Testimony</u>

In a 2001 audit of the DLNR's Division of boating and Ocean Recreation,

"... the Auditor found that the boating program's mismanagement and neglect have allowed facilities to deteriorate to the point where the continued use of the facilities threatens public safety, as many facilities needed major repairs ....

"The Auditor also found that many of the problems facing the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation stemmed from poor planning, an insufficient fee structure, paying a disproportionate share of the Department's enforcement expenses, and funding programs with special fund monies that should be supported by general funds and that little had changed since these deficiencies had been reported in prior audits . . . ."

Not only has nothing changed since 2001, DOBOR's administrator, Ed Underwood has taken things to the next level by choosing to repeatedly lie to legislators and BLNR board members alike in a charade designed to make it appear as though DOBOR has been victimized by circumstance and should be held harmless for the catastrophic condition of Hawaii's boating scene and recreational boating facilities around the state. (Ref: <u>HERE</u>, <u>HERE</u>, <u>HERE</u>, <u>HERE</u>).

Upgrades, repairs, maintenance, and security in Hawaii's 14 harbors – especially in Hawaii's largest publicly-owned harbor, the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor (AWSBH) – has been nearly non-existent, for years on end. Clearly a deliberate ploy to help rationalize DOBOR's wish-list privatization of our public harbor system, the DLNR, at DOBOR's urging, painted a picture for the legislature and the media of a harbor system that was filled will drug addicts, miscreants and "low-lives" – when in fact many harbor residents are college educated and productive taxpayers – and THEY, the harbor residents themselves, were the reason why the public's harbor system was in such a shambles.

# The boating community has had enough of the abuse heaped upon them for years-on-end by Underwood's DOBOR, and DEMAND a thorough, independent audit of DOBOR operations and finances.

Further, we would suggest here that auditors have a closer look at, 1) the, what appears to be, fraudulent "appraisal" that DOBOR used to rationalize the near-instant doubling and trebling of mooring rates in §13-234 (2019); 2) the fraudulent basis for ridiculous flat-rate electrical fees being charged boaters at the AWSBH and elsewhere; and 3) the fraud inherent to the charging of boaters for access to the liveaboard lists at the AWSBH and Keehi Small Boat Harbor and then reneging on passing out any of the dozens of permits available.

And lastly, upon completion of the audit and its inevitable conclusion, we demand that Mr. Underwood be promptly relieved of his position as DOBOR administrator before he does any more harm to boaters in this state.

We strongly support this Measure.

Katherine Lindell *Honolulu, Hawaii* 

### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 5:52:49 AM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
John & Rita Shockley	Testifying for Free Access Coalition	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha!

The Free Access Coalition supports SCR224. The activities of the management of the Small Boat Harbor authority need to be examined. Our coalition member Katherine Lindell's testimony needs to be taken seriously on behalf of the Ala Wai boat harbor residents as well as the general public.

Mahalo for your time.

### <u>SCR-224</u>

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 9:49:50 AM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
ROBERT DUERR	Testifying for Wailoa River and REeds Bay Boating and Users Assocciation 501(c)3	Support	Written Testimony Only

#### Comments:

Strongly Support. SCR 244, "REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF DOBOR."

Without informing the public, boaters, fishers or ocean users...

After eliminating their duty to "promote fishing," DLNR's Divison of Boating and Ocean Recreation wants out of boating management. This radical change is according to DOBOR's strategic plan "Modernizing Ocean Recreation Management in Hawai'i Strategic Action Plan 2019."

"Now I feel it is time for the most sweeping, significant set of changes we have ever pursued, which will change the entire character of DOBOR," says DOBOR Admin Underwood in the Strategic Action Plan. Pp2

One would think that a boating division, that controls Hawaii constitutionally guaranteed access to ocean food security and sustainability, would be transparent and share its boating vision with the public. And the legislature. Ask a fisher or boater if they know that DOBOR wants out of boating?

"Each year, progress towards our goal will be measured and evaluated. The strategic plan will help the division prioritize achievable and specific tasks that contribute to the strategic objectives, " says DOBOR Admin Underwood on Pp2 of the Strategic Action Plan.

However, DOBOR has been secretly implementing its plan. An auditor will help users and the Legislature understand what and how DOBOR's plan is going. The audit job should be easy. DOBOR says that they have the records. "Each year, progress towards our goal will be measured and evaluated."

More importantly, The Hawaii Special Boating Fund which was put in place in the early 1950s to insure that Small Boat Harbors are self-sustaining. But DOBOR says that Hawaii boating is sinking.

"Revenue generated through DOBOR's funding sources, has never been sufficient to keep pace with ever-increasing demands for maintenance and services." Strategic Action Plan. Pp5

"For the past several years, harbor management as a whole operated at a net loss. In fiscal year (FY) 2018, for example, Hawai'i's small boat harbors incurred a net loss of nearly \$2 million while consuming 69% of staff resources." Strategic Action Plan. Pp7

Perhaps an audit will help Hawaii understand some of the boating revenue streams and accounting practices buoy sinking revenue. Sustainable boating is food security.

*"At the core of the problem lies an inefficient harbor management mode."* Strategic Action Plan. Pp7

Learning to improve performance is important whether it is on the UH football field, catching a Mahi Mahi, rigging sails in storm or running a boating program in a place where navigation is important to know where you are going.

Support the Audit. Let's stop being losers. This is from the Strategic Action Plan. Pp8 (bold from Strategic Action Plan.):

"In FY 2018, harbors made a net loss...".

<u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 12:59:35 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Scott Allen	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I have been a resident of Hawai'i's harbor system for over a decade and can personally attest to the deterioration of the harbors during this time. I oppose this bill and look forward to expanding on this testimony in person.

<u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 1:03:31 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Margaret Hallahan	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

I strongly support. I would participate via zoom. How I best do it? Please let us see what is the truth in the details of an audit

### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/22/2023 3:43:18 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Debbie Weeks	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha kakou

The stunning lack of transparency on this issue demands attention and clarity on the issues. Please do this audit.

Further, privitizing ocean access on an island where many community members ely on the ocean for sustenance, mental health and cultural practice cannot be considered at any cost.

Mahalo

Debbie Weeks

Hilo Hawai'i

#### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/22/2023 4:10:34 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Susan Oliver	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

The State of Hawaii Harbors and boat ramps are our only access to the ocean. DLNR/DOBOR seem to hold the reins and don't share with the public what is going on. They scare us with suggestions of unreasonable rate hikes and regulations without any review or conversation. We the people in this state have rights to the ocean, fishing, recreation. We have rights and it is very difficult to exercise them with the limitations being proposed. Now we have an audit requested. Finally. Let's do this. Let the people see for themselves the obstacles and problems being presented. Let us see for ourselves what the costs are and how our harbors are being managed. We want more access, not less. Thank you for listening. Please , let's approve an audit and promote transparency. Not corruption and suspicion of corruption. Truth always wins. Aloha.

# <u>SCR-224</u>

Submitted on: 3/22/2023 7:52:38 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
MARILYN JOHNSON	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

#### Comments:

I strongly support that DOBOR have a comprehensive management audit. I am shocked to learn that there has not been such an audit since 2001. Perhaps that explains why DOBOR is so ineffective at its designated task - management of ocean recreation for the benefit of the people.

We lease a slip, and so I pay close attention to how DOBOR operates. The bureacracy is shocking. Sometimes I observe rules being bent to help some people avoid the bureacracy. Maybe that's good, because the buracracy is so horrible. But the correct action is to remove the waste and corruption.

It's small things, like the printed pieces of paper that must be filed each year to renew a lease, and those pieces of paper contain the same information we submitted in the prior year on other pieces of paper. Why cannot lease holders just acknowledge there has been no change since the prior year and request the lease be renewed? It can take hours to renew our lease each year because we must provide paper with a signature in blue ink. Why?

It's frustrating things, like DOBOR's inability to properly track received payments, requiring leaseholders to make multiple calls to get DOBOR accounting straightened out. Most people who answer the phone are friendly, but the problem is not fully resolved, requiring another phone call.

It's the lack of accountability, like certain employees that are supposed to be doing maintenance, but instead sit in their truck looking at their phone for the amount of time that the task should take to get done - and then driving away without doing the work, e.g. bathrooms not being cleaned. I'm not saying every employee does that, but I have observed it more than once over the years.

It's the lies, such as the rate increase a few years ago that was based on claims that amenities exist at a facility so a rent incease was needed to be more inline with charges at California marinas with similar amenities, when those amenities claimed to be available have been inoperable for years from lack of maintenance. And they still are inoperable years after the rate increase went into effect.

It's the corruption, like those cases exposed after federal agents did an investigation into various DOBOR agent behaviors.

It seems as if DOBOR as an organization has lost focus that one of their tasks is providing useable ocean recreation to people who have recreational boats. A management audit will determine whether it's the recreational boaters who expect too much, or the agency that does too little to support ocean recreation.

To those DOBOR employees who do their job well, I say thank you. I hope a management audit and the resultant corrective action plan will make the work for good employees be more rewarding. It's tough on people who care about their job to have to work among bureacracy, corruption and waste.

#### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 1:16:56 AM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Kate Thompson	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair Senator Inouye and Vice Chair Senator Elefante, and all introducing and voting Legislators,

Yes. Yes. Yes.

I strongly support SCR 224.

Please pass SCR 224 to require an comprehensive Management Audit of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR).

DOBOR contInues to print 'Strategic Plans' with no measurable goals, for 15 years.

Why are we allowing the State employees at DOBOR, who have made so many poor stewardship decisions regarding our recreational harbors, become the 'real estate agents' for the State offering long term leases of our public recreational harbors to corporations?

DOBOR needs more oversight, not less.

The below wording can start the audit, and in fact as Senators, you can request this information immediately:

The Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation financials statewide by cost centers, i.e. by facility, by FY since 2011 with all

a. revenue source codes with any modifiers, e.g. 1431-01 & 1431-02 and b. expenditure object codes.

Thank you Senators. Your work on this bill is important. The public deserves to know IF and why, recreational harbor privatization is financially necessary. As legislators, you are quite possibly saving ocean access for Hawaii's residents.

Mahalo.

Kate Thompson My sailboat is moored at Ala Wai Boat Harbor katet@icloud.com kate.thompson@surfparking.org

<u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 7:30:22 AM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Gary P. Beals	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I strongly support SCR 224 as DNLR has NOT been transparent as to their plans and actions concerning the State boat harbors.

# <u>SCR-224</u>

Submitted on: 3/23/2023 11:37:37 AM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Korynn Grenert	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear legislature,

Please approve Measure SCR224 so that the money that DOBOR collects and how they use that money is made available to the public and to those who pay dues to the Ala Wai Boat Harbor. Thank you very much.

Sincerely, Korynn Grenert

<u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 11:48:02 AM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Sandra L Dahl	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I give my approvel for the audit

<u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 12:12:29 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Karen Boyer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I fully support a comprehensive management audit of DOBOR specifically with respect to its management of the Ala Wai small boat harbor maintenance and towing policies.

#### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 12:30:43 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Lisa Abbott	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I have been reading about and researching the activities of DOBOR for the last year and I am shocked that they have been able to do the things they do (and don't do). The hugely expensive contract for Secure P and Mr. Tow that never went out for bid, the tiny paper receipts for thousands of dollars with very cryptic record keeping and previous contracts and bids that failed (Honey Bee etc) and no recoupment of funds or completion of work promised, etc. It's like the fox running the hen house and it looks like Mr. Underwood has had all these entities for so long with no accountability when he did not perform as promised. He has disapointed the public and not sure he has the public's interest at heart. I am so glad the legislature is finally going to be looking at this history and hopefully making some course corrections. Lets get someone else in this position who has better management skills and doesn't hire yes people (harbor master) who are afraid to oppose or question him. Sorry to sound harsh, but this is what it seems like. Thank you again for doing an audit!!

#### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 12:44:37 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Natalie Wohner	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Inouye, Vice-Chair Elefante, members of the Water and Land committee,

I strongly support SCR 224 for the conduction of a comprehensive management audit of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR). As a volunteer for the Surfrider Foundation O'ahu Chapter, I have recently been involved in the protection of the 300 free parking stalls at the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor which is managed by DOBOR. Through this engagement, I have learned how much money the harbor is raking in each month through the metered stalls, and I wonder what this money is actually being used for. I have been frequenting the harbor for years to surf, sail, and kitesurf; the only people who actually manage this area are the locals. So where does the money go?

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Natalie Wohner, Ph.D

#### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 12:45:08 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Katarina Ruiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Senators,

Thank you for exercising your legislative authority to ensure that the stewardship of not only our recreational harbors, beaches, and surf spots, but our vital and fragile coastlines are being held with the upmost integrity, transparency, and responsible management.

I still do not understand why the State of Hawaii is offering long-term leases to corporations in areas that the public has grave concerns over. We need to look at the numbers, the emails, and the rulemaking in detail to make responsible decisions over the fate of the public trust.

Previously there was a request given to DOBOR to see financial records, but a large dollar figure barred us from being able to do so. Please order them to do the right thing for the public. Mahalo again for exercising your kuleana.

Regards,

Katarina Ruiz

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#### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 2:57:37 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Doug Fitch Schwartzsmith	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Senator Inouye, and Vice-Chair, Senator Elefante,

I'm writing in strong support of SCR 224 which would require a financial audit of the Div of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR). DOBOR has kuleana for ensuring ocean access for the people of Hawai'i. In stark contrast, they are involved now with brokering a deal to rent the land to commercial interests. My understanding is that DOBOR claims, with questionable veracity, that finances necessitate the move. However, a cursory review of parking fees, towing practices, and the like suggests that even current cash flow would be in the black. I would like to see about that matter but, moreover, how even were that true, how under any circumstances DOBOR could empower itself to change the area, originally gifted to the people, into a lucrative commercial property. Could it be that a minuscule slice of the populace would benefit from issuing the proposed lease?

Hawai'i politics is increasingly coming under scrutiny due to violations, thefts of funds, insider deals and the like by state officials. How

could anyone oppose such an audit when it could potentially pre-absolve DOBOR of irregularities? Why shouldn't they welcome such an opportunity to publicly embrace their kuleana with transparency?

Thank you for considering my jaded but widely-shared viewpoint. I am grateful for your service! Mahalo for what you do.

Aloha, Dr Doug Schwartzsmith

# <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 7:33:46 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier</b> Position	Testify
Wesley yoneda	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Yes please audit DOBOR.

### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 9:29:04 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Angela Huntemer	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear WTL committee members, please support a comprehensive management audit of DOBOR. This is long overdue. There are so many practices within DOBOR that are definitely NOT following best practices or even basic common sense - for example the parking and towing at Ala Wai Boat Harbor. In fact DOBOR is planning on relinquishing management of the Ala Wai Boat Harbor completely and hand that over to a private - for profit entity. Along with management they will also be relinquishing access to the boat harbor by tax-paying residents, by making slip fees too expensive and by eliminating the free parking used by surfers, swimmers and boaters. Yes, DOBOR definitely needs a management audit.

### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/23/2023 10:17:36 PM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM



Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Wendy Gibson-Viviani	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Dear Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee,

I support this effort to perform a comprehensive management audit of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of DLNR. I feel it is long overdue and will produce useful data.

Thank you,

Wendy Gibson-Viviani RN

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### <u>SCR-224</u> Submitted on: 3/24/2023 9:12:50 AM Testimony for WTL on 3/24/2023 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	<b>Testifier Position</b>	Testify
Devin Ruiz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I stongly believe that there needs to be an audit in order to hold people accountable for our poor harbors and resources, and to make changes and improvements for our community. Mahalo.