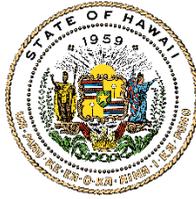


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Testimony of  
DAWN N.S. CHANG  
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Before the Senate Committee on  
WAYS AND MEANS

Thursday, February 22, 2024  
10:05 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 211

In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 2156, SENATE DRAFT 1  
RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

Senate Bill 2156, Senate Draft 1 proposes to provide a recurring \$3,000,000 general fund appropriation for maintenance dredging at state small boat harbors. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

The facilities around the State that require maintenance dredging on a regular basis are:

- North Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor, Hawai'i
- Wailoa Small Boat Harbor Channel, Hawai'i
- Kikiaola Launch Ramp, Kaua'i
- Waika'ea Canal Launch Ramp, Kaua'i
- Lahaina Small Boat Harbor Channel, Maui
- Mala Wharf Channel, Maui
- Maunalua Bay Launch Ramp, O'ahu

The estimated average cost of each maintenance dredging project is approximately \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, which includes the costs of design, permitting, and the dredging work itself. With sufficient funding available, the Department anticipates being able to complete two or three dredging projects each year and estimates that the recurring \$3,000,000 appropriation provided by this measure would cover annual maintenance dredging needs.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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**TESTIMONY OF WENDY L. GADY  
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**BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS**

Monday, February 22, 2024  
10:05 a.m.

Conference Room 211 & Videoconference

**SENATE BILL NO. 2156  
RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE**

Chairperson Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill No. 2156, which requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of harbors and port locations.

The Agribusiness Development Corporation (ADC) supports the Legislature's intent to create a strategic plan for improving and maintaining our ports and harbors to keep shipping channels deep and free of silt. Transportation of products from the various microclimates throughout the state is a critical component in the agricultural industry. Most of these shipments travel by ocean, simply because it's more economical than air transit.

Investing and improving Hawaii's key ports and harbors will improve efficiency, reduce costs, and increase competitiveness. As a major gateway to

the East and West, Hawaii's ports and harbors play a vital role in the handling of bulk and containerized food shipments to and from the state.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony.

**SB-2156-SD-1**

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Leah Gouker	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This is critical for the safety and wellbeing of the citizens of Hawaii.

**SB-2156-SD-1**

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Comments:

Please include funding for the Pohoiki boat ramp restoration, and continued maintenance. As we have suffered through the 2018 historic eruption, when the Pohoiki boat ramp is restored, we will need a budget for maintenance dredging for at least the first five (5) years, twice a year minimum.

Respectfully submitted,

Kuulei Kealoha Cooper, Trustee

James & Miulan Kealoha Trust