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Testimony of  
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Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER & LAND

Wednesday, March 27, 2024  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of  
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 225/SENATE RESOLUTION 201  
URGING THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO USE JOB ORDER  
CONTRACTING FOR BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITY  
MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 225/Senate Resolution 201 urges the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to use job order contracting for boating and ocean recreation facility repair and maintenance (R&M). **The Department offers the following comments.**

The Department is currently developing a request for proposals for a prequalified contractor contract (PCC) program. This PCC program will allow DOBOR and the Division of State Parks to select prequalified contractors in order to complete R&M projects in a quicker and more efficient manner, which will help alleviate the Department's backlog of R&M throughout the State.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on these measures.

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**SCR-225**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

Aloha,

Yes to:- URGING THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO USE JOB ORDER CONTRACTING FOR BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION FACILITY MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

**SCR-225**

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Comments:

Aloha kākou to our Legislators of Hawai‘i Nei,

Please support SCR225. I believe the Job Order Contracting will help us to do maintenance of our harbors in a more timely fashion.

At Wailoa Small Boat Harbor / Suisan Basin, we have requested regular maintenance for almost 20 years. The channel is now so shallow that even at high tide many boats can no longer enter or exit, including in emergencies. Large boats, commercial fishers, and sailboats moored in Wailoa Harbor are fully blocked. Other vessels can make way but dangerously. Shallow draft vessels have grounded trying to navigate the entrance as indicated by the channel markers. This dangerous condition impacts recreational boaters, marine educational programs, and the earnings of fishing vessels and tour vessels. Fenders chains have broken and the fenders are lying at the bottom of the harbor. Broken lighting has not been replaced, broken railings have not been repaired. These are not new problems, they have been going on for years and years. Perhaps Job Order Contracting will help.

A community meeting hosted by Hawai‘i Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition was held 14 March in Hilo to which some 100 fishers and other concerned boaters came. The Department of Aquatic Resources (DAR) was present but able only to answer questions regarding their own kuleana.

If DOBOR is incapable of maintaining our harbors, please transfer them back to the Department of Transportation, which formerly maintained them, and allow DOT to use Job Order Contracting for facility maintenance and repair.

Please fulfil the state's responsibility to our people and our harbors by:

- 1) Allowing maintenance and repair to be done through Job Order Contracting
- 2) Moving Harbors to the Department of Transportation.
- 3) Creating a working group comprising community members to address immediate needs of our small harbors, and to create a plan for going forward.

4) Conducting a financial and Performance audit of DBOR. Since DBOR has been unable to maintain our harbors for almost two decades, where has the tax money and all of our mooring fees gone?

It is imperative that we keep our harbors public.

Mahalo for your continued dedication to serving the people of Hawai'i.

Sincerely,  
D. Leilehua Yuen