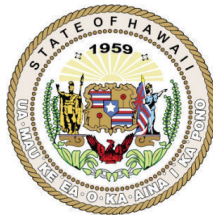


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TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL 1127
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS
Before the Senate Committees on
Public Safety and Intergovernmental and Military Affairs
and
Water and Land
Monday, February 13, 2023; 3:02 p.m.
State Capitol Conference Room 225, Via Videoconference

WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

Chairs Wakai and Inouye, Vice Chair Elefante, and members of the Committees:

The Department of Law Enforcement (DLE) supports Senate Bill 1127 and offers suggested clarification language.

This bill complements the DLE's vision of building strong partnerships with the community and first response agencies for addressing community-wide challenges that impact community welfare. The DLE understands that funding is needed to build up the state law enforcement presence in our communities and supports the funding opportunities provided by this bill, but we would like to suggest clarification that the security the language in section 1 be amended to read as follows (proposed addition is underscored):

SECTION 1. There is appropriated out of the general revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2024-2025 to provide security at small boat harbors, including the hiring of three permanent full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE)

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positions to be assigned to provide law enforcement
and security presence in the community and at small
boat harbors within the county of Maui.

The sums appropriated shall be expended by
the department of law enforcement for the purposes of
this Act.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

SB-1127

Submitted on: 2/10/2023 9:34:44 AM

Testimony for PSM on 2/13/2023 3:02:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Zachary LaPrade	Testifying for Quicksilver Charters	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

Dear Honorable Members of the Hawaii State Legislature,

We at Quicksilver Charters, a small boat harbor business located in Lahaina, Maui, are writing in strong support of the bill to provide additional resources for the Department of Law Enforcement to patrol the small boat harbors in the county of Maui.

The recent incidents of vandalism, property damage, and theft at the small boat harbors have had a significant impact on our business and the safety of our customers. The lack of enforcement has created an environment of insecurity and uncertainty for small boat harbor businesses like ours.

We believe that the allocation of funds to hire three additional permanent full-time equivalent (3.0 FTE) positions for the Department of Law Enforcement will greatly improve the safety and security of the small boat harbors in Maui, and provide much-needed peace of mind for small business owners like ourselves.

As a valued member of the Maui community, we understand the importance of ensuring a safe and secure environment for all who visit and work at the small boat harbors. The provision of these additional resources will not only benefit small business owners but also the customers who visit and enjoy the small boat harbors.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support of this important bill. We are eager to see the positive impact it will have on the small boat harbors in Maui.

Sincerely,

Zachary LaPrade

On behalf of Quicksilver Charters in Lahaina