

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2129

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.B. No. 2129 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to economically and expeditiously facilitate improvements to the state's small boat harbors by:

- (1) Changing the maximum amount of a single capital advancement contract that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) can execute without legislative approval from \$2,000,000 to an unspecified amount; and
- (2) Increasing the total aggregate value of all capital advancement contracts from \$5,000,000 to \$25,000,000 that BLNR is authorized to enter per calendar year.

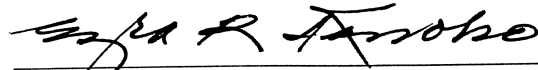
The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), Lahaina Divers, Maui-Molokai Sea Cruises, Maui Dive Shop, Ocean Tourism Coalition, TRILOGY, Aqua Lung Pacific, and two concerned individuals submitted testimony in support of this bill.

According to testimony by DLNR, BLNR will still retain the authority to review and approve capital advancement contracts for small boat harbors, ensuring that the proper intent of this bill is carried out.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2129 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



