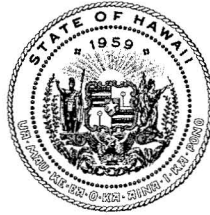


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**TESTIMONY OF THE CHAIRPERSON
OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

**House Concurrent Resolution 237/ House Resolution 200 –
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, WITH
THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF A PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP A BOAT
MARINA NEAR KEEHI LAGOON.**

**BEFORE THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON
WATER, LAND, OCEAN RESOURCES AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

March 24, 2008

House Concurrent Resolution 237/ House Resolution 200 proposes that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), with the assistance of the Department of Transportation, study the feasibility of a private-public partnership to develop a boat marina near Keehi Lagoon, with a portion of the revenue from any such facility to be reserved for improvements of the small boat harbor at Keehi Lagoon, and a portion reserved for deposit in the Boating Special Fund for improvements to small boat harbors throughout the State. The Department does not support these resolutions as the Department does not have the resources to create a new harbor, which is exceedingly expensive, and would disrupt the maintenance and renovations of existing boating facilities. The Department instead, respectfully requests the Legislature support the Department's Boating Capital Improvement Project proposals so that we can bring our existing facilities up to standard.

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House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs

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WLH hearing 3/24/08
10:30 am Rm. 312

Testimony in Support of HCR 237

Chair Ito, Vice Chair Karamatsu and members of the committee,

Considerable effort has been expended by previous legislatures to take advantage of the vast natural potential of the Keehi Lagoon to provide the sorely needed ocean access facilities for our growing population. Keehi is still the best location to fulfill this need. It will also preserves our maritime lands for maritime use (ocean access). We strongly support HCR 237 (and HR200 too).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

William E. Mossman

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March 21, 2008

Testimony in Strong Support of HCR237

House Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources and Hawaiian Affairs
Room 312 at 1030 on Monday, 24 March 2008

Chair Ito and Respected Members of the Committee;

My name is Reg White. I have been active in recreational boating all of my life. By profession I am a merchant mariner, so I work and I play on our waters and from our harbors. My brother is not much different except that he lives in Seattle, Washington, a place where in a good year they can go boating almost four months. Yet they have a fire breathing economic engine that is recreational boating up there that provides careers, not only entry level jobs, for many thousands of residents and pours billions of dollars each year into the local economy. We here in Hawaii are able to go boating all 365 days of each and every year, yet boating is a minuscule dot on our economic horizon and employs a very few. Why? Because we have never stirred our stumps to encourage private development of boating resources in our state. I am proud that we have a state that built and operates many boating facilities just so they can keep boating available and affordable to all Hawaii residents, but we failed in the principle when we didn't continue to develop enough facilities to meet and to grow the demand. Now it's time to let the market take it's place. Encourage and enable private entities to develop, build and operate marinas and other boating facilities so that we can provide for and encourage the demand. Let market pressure set the pace, but we must enable the process by encouraging the investment and making the process inviting to those investors. Cut the bureaucratic red tape! Keep the present state facilities and operate them as before, but work to encourage private investment and development in our fledgling marine industry.

Please support HCR 237 and try to require some sort of performance measure under it's provisions so that you can monitor the success of your intentions.

Respectfully,

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