



**The Chamber of
Commerce of Hawaii**

Since 1850

**Testimony to the Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs
Wednesday, January 30, 2008 at 2:45 p.m.
Conference Room 224, State Capitol**

RE: SENATE BILL NO. 2800 RELATING TO HARBORS.

Chair English, Vice Chair Gabbard, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Kraig Kennedy, and I am the Chair of the Maritime Committee of The Chamber of Commerce of Hawaii ("The Chamber"). **The Chamber strongly supports SB No. 2800.**

The Chamber is the largest business organization in Hawaii. The organization works on behalf of members and the entire business community to improve the state's economic climate and to foster positive action on issues of common concern.

The bill, as received by your Committee, proposes to extend the Department of Transportation's jurisdiction and administrative authority over Honolulu Harbor Pier 2 to include lots 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the Forrest Avenue subdivision.

The Chamber's Maritime Committee has been working on finding effective solutions for the impending shortage of harbor space. It finds that Honolulu Harbor has reached its capacity and Sand Island is projected to reach capacity by 2009-2010. Approximately 80%-90% of state goods and products come in through the harbors, including Pier 2. The lack of space will impede its ability to arrive on the docks in a timely basis, affecting everyone, from manufacturers down to consumers. As a result, the Chamber recognizes the sense of urgency to find a solution.

The Chamber believes that decisions on the permanent disposition of State owned harbor lands should consider the requirements of maritime users which now operate on lands that could be lost for other purposes. Placing lots 1, 2, 4 and 5 of the Forrest Avenue subdivision under the jurisdiction of the Department of Transportation will ensure that critical maritime needs are not unintentionally or inadvertently overlooked.

In light of this, The Chamber urges your favorable consideration of this measure.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify.

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**TESTIMONY OF GARY NORTH
CHAIRMAN
HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP**

**IN REGARDS TO
SB 2800 - RELATING TO HARBORS**

January 29, 2008

Chair English, Chair Menor and Members of your respective committees. I am Gary North, testifying in regards to SB 2800, "A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS" on behalf of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group (HHUG).

HHUG is of the opinion that all harbor lands, including those contiguous with our current commercial harbors, should be reserved for maritime use.

Thank you for your kind and serious consideration of our testimony in this matter of SB 2800.

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