



# Hawaii Harbors Users Group

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## HB 1020 HD1 RELATING TO THE ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

### MAR LABRADOR CHAIR HAWAII HARBORS USERS GROUP

FEBRUARY 11, 2011

Chair Chang and Members of the House Committee on Water,  
Land & Ocean Resources:

I am Mar Labrador, testifying on behalf of the Hawaii  
Harbors Users Group (HHUG), on HB 1020 HD1, "A BILL FOR AN  
ACT RELATING TO THE ALOHA TOWER DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION."

The Hawaii Harbor Users Group (HHUG) is a non-profit  
maritime transportation industry group comprised of the following  
key harbor users: Matson Navigation Company, Horizon Lines,  
LLC, Young Brothers/Hawaii Tug & Barge, Norwegian Cruse Line,  
Sause Brothers Inc., Aloha Cargo Transport (ACT), Hawaii  
Stevedores, McCabe Hamilton & Renny Stevedores, Hawaii  
Superferry, Tesoro Hawaii Corporation, The Gas Company,  
Ameron Hawaii, Hawaiian Cement, American Marine, Kapolei  
Property Development, and the Hawaii Pilots Association.

As an island State, Hawaii is very dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded movement of cargo in and out of our State. At present, it is estimated that 98% of Hawaii's imported goods pass through our harbors including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of Hawaii's harbors, it is imperative that the State provide harbor infrastructure and services to support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling industries to service our residents and businesses.

In light of the looming shortage of port facilities in Hawaii due to the significant growth in intra and interstate cargo over the past twenty years, the State is in the process of implementing a statewide Harbors Modernization Plan to construct much needed harbor infrastructure improvements. HHUG pledges its continued support in its collaboration with the State to enhance Hawaii's maritime ports to provide the infrastructure necessary to ensure the continued and unimpeded movement of cargo in and out of our State.

HHUG would sincerely appreciate your consideration to incorporate amendments into this bill to re-insert provisions that were included in the original version of this bill to provide the Harbors Modernization Group, which would be administratively placed under the Department of Transportation – Harbors Division, with the jurisdiction and authority to implement the Harbors Modernization Plan. We believe that the Harbors Modernization Group Board, which would include the Director of the Department of Transportation and the Deputy Directors of Transportation – Harbors and Capital Improvement Projects along with two representatives from the maritime industry, would possess the necessary authority and expertise to efficiently expedite the implementation of the Harbors Modernization Plan.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.