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**Comments:**

We have serious concerns about the vessel forfeiture aspect of this bill. If the scope of Kaho'olawe boundaries were to expand it could have unreasonable consequences for the Ocean Tourism Industry.



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Testimony to the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs  
Wednesday, February 2, 2011; 8:30a.m.  
Conference Room 329

Speaking in Opposition to HB 1223

RE: HOUSE BILL HB 1223: Kaho'olawe Penalties

Chair Hanohano, Vice Chair Lee and Members of the Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition. The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. We appreciate these efforts being made by the Legislature in addressing the needs of small business. We are opposed to HB 1223 as it is written.

We are especially concerned with the language of vessel seizure for violating Kaho'olawe regulations if the boundaries or jurisdiction of KIRK were ever to expand beyond the current boundaries.

We could support this bill if there were language included that would not have vessel forfeiture beyond the current boundaries.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 808-870-9115.

Sincerely,

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