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Comments:

I oppose the hearing of HB 1555 by FIN with only a few hours notice to the public. How can you add a bill to a hearing at the last minute and not give the public time to submit testimony?

I also oppose a number of elements of SB 1555 including allowing commercial slips at Ala Wai harbor.

The Sate already has a facility for commercial operators at nearby Kewalo Basin.

It's interesting to note that Kewalo Basin does not have enough demand from commercial operators to fill even a majority of its slips and relies on the ever present demand for recreational slips to fill its harbor.

Allowing commercial operators at Ala Wai Harbor would not increase revenue for the State, it would simply shift revenue from HCDA to DLNR.

Considering the 5 year or longer waiting list for recreational slips at the Ala Wai, and the lack of demand for commercial slips at Kewalo Basin, the state could increase its overall revenue much quicker by filling empty Ala Wai slips with recreational boaters.

LATE TESTIMONY

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TESTIMONY BY KALBERT K. YOUNG
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE
STATE OF HAWAII
TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
ON
SENATE BILL NO. 1555, S.D. 2, H.D. 1

April 7, 2011

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Senate Bill No. 1555, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, establishes a public corporation to administer an appropriate and culturally-sensitive public land development program and establishes the Hawaii Public Land Development revolving fund into which any State appropriations or other moneys made available to the fund shall be deposited and expended as directed by the corporation.

The department recognizes the benefit of user fees to offset operational expenses and costs. However, as a matter of general policy, the Department of Budget and Finance expects the creation of any revolving fund would meet the requirements of Section 37-52.4 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes. Special or revolving funds should: 1) reflect a clear nexus between the benefits sought and charges made upon the users or beneficiaries of the program; 2) provide an appropriate means of financing for the program or activity; and 3) demonstrate the capacity to be financially self-sustaining. In regards to Senate Bill No. 1555, S.D. 2, H.D. 1, it is difficult to determine whether the fund will be self-sustaining.

In addition, as the Public Land Development Corporation could be operated as a for profit entity, they may not be able to issue tax-exempt revenue bonds. Taxable revenue bonds, with interest rates higher than those of tax-exempt revenue bonds, may need to be issued to finance the projects.