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Testimony by
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H.B. No. 2615 RELATING TO HARBORS FIREBOAT

My name is Robert H. Lee and I am the President of the Hawaii Fire Fighters Association, Local 1463, IAFF, AFL-CIO. HFFA represents the 2,800 active and retired professional fire fighters throughout the State. HFFA appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on H.B. No. 2615.

HFFA members current provide operational support on the existing fire boat. While H.B. No. 2615, may be seen as a cost-saving measure, HFFA will not allow the safety of our members to be compromised. If the replacement services are less than comparable, we will address our concerns and the involvement of our members from an operational standpoint with the Honolulu Fire Department.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the transfer of the operations of the fire boat back to the State

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Comments:

I am opposed to this bill because the bill is vague and word is the community and harbor is that it is an attempt by the Dept of Transportation to privatize the Fire Boat. Privatization may initially save money but it will do so at the expense of the working class. Paying a middleman to run the fire protection will result in a decrease of salaries that will effect our working class workers ability to live and own a home in Hawaii, less expertise in firefighting dangerous harbor fires and put the Honolulu Fire Department personnel, who may need to co-fight a serious harbor fire with an private crew, in danger.