

April 5, 2011

# LATE TESTIMONY

Rep. Marcus R. Oshiro, Chair  
Rep. Marilyn B. Lee, Vice-Chair  
Members of the House Finance Committee

**RE: SB 1549 – Relating to Small Boat Harbors– Testimony in Opposition**  
**Hearing Date: April 5, 2011 at 2:00pm – Room 308**

Aloha Representatives Oshiro, Lee and Members of the Committee,

My name is Connie Smales and I am Chairman of the Youth Sailing Committee for Waikiki Yacht Club and a Board member and past chairman of the Hawaii Youth Sailing Association.

I oppose passage of HB 1566 with respect to th provision allowing commercial vessels to moor in Ala Wai Yacht Harbor. My objection to this provision is principally a matter of safety and we are not taking a position on the balance of the bill. The Ala Wai Basin has been used as a center for water sports for many years. The addition of commercial vessels making multiple transits of the channel entrance each day presents an increased danger and its impact has not been determined. Those using the Ala Wai Basin and the channel entrance include youth sailors (ages 8 to 18), paddlers, kayakers and surfers. Even the surfers have to swim across the channel entrance to reach the surf line. Why increase the risk for a serious accident?

At Waikiki Yacht Club each year we train approximately 200 young people with all ranges of ability level. In addition, there are approximately 125 high school age youth who participate in the ILH program so the basin is used both during the week and on weekends. Hawaii Yacht Club who also participates in the ILH program trains 100 youth sailors in addition to being part of the ILH program. Exposing these young people, as well as the surfers and paddlers, to the addition of constant commercial traffic poses a serious safety risk. The Ala Wai Harbor has always been used for recreational purposes and there are alternatives for those commercial interests to moor elsewhere.

I urge you to consider the potential danger of the commercial provision in this bill and allow the Ala Wai Basin to remain for recreational use.

Mahalo,

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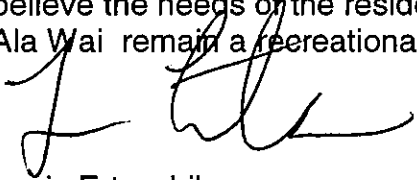
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Louis Erteschik

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President  
Waikiki Residents Association