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Conference room: 225  
Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Peter Wood  
Organization: Crystal seahorse, LTD  
E-mail: [sailingmaui@yahoo.com](mailto:sailingmaui@yahoo.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

I am owner of 2 Kaanapali Tour catamarans that utilize Honolua Bay on and off throughout each year. In fact I have been doing this since 1975. The most damage to the eco system at Honolua Bay that I have whitessed during this time has come from agricultural run off and construction projects, which at times has filled the bay with silt for months on end, effectively killing many coral colonies. As a tourboat operator, we bring small controlled groups to the bay. We educate and closely supervise them during their snorkel and dive time. We leave no garbage. The greater danger to the eco system comes from shore based traffic. I strongly oppose this bill.

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Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: Yes  
Submitted by: Jared Serrao  
Organization: hawaii skin diver  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

we need to protect the reefs, at the rate at which people like commercial divers, recreational divers, scuba divers and fishermen are depleteing the reefs an the ecosystems that give our islands life. by the time my children are born and are ready to partake of the ocean and its resources, there will be none left.  
with much aloha Jared Serrao

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Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: anthony aalto  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

Aloha Senator Dela Cruz and members of the committee

As you know better than most, DLNR is woefully underfunded.  
Many users exploit our marine conservation areas.  
A small user fee to help protect the resource is reasonable and logical I urge you to approve this measure Mahalo

# Blue Water Rafting

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THE SENATE  
STATE OF HAWAII  
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2012

February 9, 2012

Testimony: SB 2664

We are **opposed** to the proposed bill **SB 2664** for the following reasons:

As a Maui tour boat operator, we have all been struggling with an economic downturn and trying to offer our tours to the general public at a price they feel they can afford.

We do not believe in tacking on additional fees such as fuel surcharges and user fees in addition to our advertised price, therefore we must set our prices with all fees inclusive. If new fees were added that are intended to apply to non-residents only, this would present an accounting nightmare for us to try to charge our clients appropriately especially when a large percentage of our clients are paying for our tour through activity vendors.

Due to weather and other considerations, not all tours that we plan to have visit an MLCD, actually do enter. Sometimes we have to offer an alternative. Trying to issue refunds for passengers already charged a fee, would put additional financial burden upon us.

Currently we are already paying 4% of our gross to the state in General Excise Taxes and an additional 3% of our gross in harbor user fees for a total of 7%. We feel that this is already a stretch for us and that any fees for a new fund tied to the MLCD's should be extracted (by the State) from the existing user fees according to the number of passengers that we actually take into the MLCD, which we are currently required to report.

By doing this, in conjunction with charging people who enter the MLCD's by land, the additional funds desired could be generated without putting additional burden on the already struggling tour boat operators.

Thank you for your consideration,

Captain Mark de Rensis  
Blue Water Rafting

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Testifier position: Oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Donald F. Burns  
Organization: The Dive Shop Water Sports, Inc./Seafire Charters  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

I have uploaded a second testimony doc. in another format under proposed amendments in case you could not open the .odt file



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Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Lance  
Organization: Individual  
E-mail: [lakimura@hotmail.com](mailto:lakimura@hotmail.com)  
Submitted on: 2/9/2012

**Comments:**

I would like to write in my full support of this measure to provide resources for better management of our MLCD's. Please pass this bill so that our reefs can get the support it needs.

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Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: CARTER BARTO  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:

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Submitted by: Cynthia LeMay  
Organization: Blue Sea Cruises Inc  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

Comments:



To: WLH Committee,  
Chair DelaCruz

From: Darrell Tanaka  
Haiku, Maui

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Re: SB2664 relating to marine life

In **OPPOSITION**

Collecting fees from visitors is fine, but the way the dept. wants to use the fees is flawed and will end up wasted and our reefs will not be any better off. For years now the DLNR has studied the decline of our reefs, I don't want to see any more money going to these types of studies, especially of Marine Life Conservation Districts, where tons of studies are already done.

Monies need to be allocated to ENFORCEMENT only.

The Div. of Aquatic Resources is just going to allocate this money for "public awareness" and more studies, which is a waste....The states protected reserves are being plundered by poachers, no study or educational awareness is going to stop the hardcore poacher....we need more enforcement.

If any study is to be done with this money, let it be of any FMA or area that fishing is allowed at...not enough studies have been done on fishing or fishing regulations, the DLNR puts too much emphasis on studying closed areas.

This bill might sound all hunky dory, but it lacks specific effectiveness....the kind of protection our reefs need is in the form of more DOCARE officers.

**Please amend this bill so all monies received is allocated to the Div. of Conservation and Resource Enforcement.**

We need action, not more studies.

Respectfully submitted,  
Darrell Tanaka  
Maui

Jane Wicke

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Testifier position: Support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Jack Wells  
Organization: Individual  
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Submitted on: 2/9/2012

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**Comments:**

This is important to help protect our reefs for future generations and to help the state in this dire economic state. its a win for all

Testimony of The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i  
Supporting S.B. 2664 Relating to Marine Life  
Senate Committee on Water, Land and Housing  
Thursday, February 9, 2012, 1:15PM, Room 225

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*The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i is a private non-profit conservation organization dedicated to the preservation of Hawai'i's native plants, animals, and ecosystems. The Conservancy has helped to protect nearly 200,000 acres of natural lands for native species in Hawai'i. Today, we actively manage more than 32,000 acres in 10 nature preserves on Maui, Hawai'i, Moloka'i, Lāna'i, and Kaua'i. We also work closely with government agencies, private parties and communities on cooperative land and marine management projects.*

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The Nature Conservancy supports S.B. 2664, and the proposal to allow the DLNR to collect non-resident user fees at State Marine Life Conservation Districts (MLCDs) to support the protection of these areas as well as appropriate marine and fisheries management, research, education, and enforcement programs.

Hawai'i's coral reefs generate more than \$350 million of income annually in recreation, fishing, aquarium capture, research and other uses. They provide for our unique way of life in Hawai'i, and are a source of sustenance as well as recreation. Unfortunately, Hawai'i's marine environment faces threats from anthropogenic sources of pollution, sedimentation, overharvesting, lack of community ownership, and an overall decrease in the competitive advantage of native species over non-natives. Scientists believe that reef fish stocks in the main Hawaiian islands have decreased by 75% in the past century.

We think that the funding generated by this measure can not only help to care for our special MLCD areas, but also help the State take other steps to care for near shore areas and restore depleted fish populations including efforts to:

- **Encourage responsible fishing** – Take what you need not what you can.
- **Support community-based marine management** – Communities statewide are managing marine resources, working to ensure compliance with laws, and monitoring human use and biological.
- **Create replenishment areas for fish** – Based on the best available science and credible local knowledge, involving fishers, local communities, scientists, and government.
- **Strengthen enforcement capacity** – Hawai'i's conservation enforcement capacity is underfunded and understaffed.
- **Manage statewide threats** - Invasive species and land-based sources of pollution are killing our reefs and must be reduced through statewide action and policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

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## COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND HOUSING

Thursday, February 09, 2012

State Capitol, Conference Room 225

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In consideration of **SB 2664**

**RELATING TO MARINE LIFE**

**Sidney Akiona, President  
Kai Kanani Sailing Charters**

Speaking in Opposition to **SB 2664**

**Chair Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Malama Solomon and Members of the committee:**

My name is Sidney Akiona, my business is one of the 41 small company's that would be directly affected by this bill. As each of us struggle to survive during the current economic climate, this bill would unfairly add another fee for a small percentage of boats to subsidize the expense of another DLNR agency. We humbly ask you to **not pass SB 2664**

Sincerely,  
Sidney J. Akiona, President  
Kai Kanani Sailing Charters