

Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 475

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs,
to which was referred S.B. No. 475 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to authorize the Department of Transportation to issue harbor revenue bonds for certain harbor capital improvement projects.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Transportation, ILWU Local 142, Ocean Tourism Coalition, and two individuals.

Act 200, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, authorized the Department of Transportation to issue harbor revenue bonds for harbor capital improvements authorized by Act 200 for certain specified capital improvement projects. The capital improvements were part of the commercial harbors modernization plan. Act 200 also placed into statute the harbors modernization plan which was then repealed by Act 152, Session Laws of Hawaii 2011.

Your Committee finds that the appropriations for capital improvement projects in Act 200 were not released and the funding has since lapsed. Act 200 lapsed all funds unencumbered as of June 30, 2012. The only legislative recourse is to continue to reintroduce this measure until the appropriations are released.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and International Affairs that is



attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 475 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
International Affairs,



J. KALANI ENGLISH, Chair



