

February 12, 2013

Hearing, February 13, 2013 - Room 325, 8:30 am

Testimony for HB 1255, Relating to Land Use -

Honokohau Marina Development District

Opposed:

The Honokohau Small Boat Harbor sits in the midst of a fragile coastal ecosystem, major historical and cultural resources/sites, and has given its environment pollution and degradation. The Honokohau Settlement is listed on the Register of National Historic Sites, and has been since the 1960s. Over the objections of hundreds of island residents and so many hawaiians, it was blasted out of solid rock, in the wrong place, an affront to significance of place and culture. Because of the blasting, fresh water leaks out of the caprock.

In answer to complaints of trash, dirty restrooms, polluting drains, a CIP appropriation is needed to clean and paint the restrooms, attend to drains, provide daily trash service, and just daily maintenance. Boat users and harbor activity cause pollution. A marina development district will only bring more activity that causes pollution that will disperse down the coast, and increased degradation to an already fragile coastal ecosystem.

Consultation with the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park, DHHL, and community can happen now, if the desire is real. A development district is an insult; absolutely contrary to the PROTECTION, PRESERVATION, and CONSERVATION of cultural/historical resources/sites which are WHAT IS NECESSARY, and made obvious by the presence of the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historical Park. The Park is in existence because of the critical significance of our aina.

I present these remarks on behalf of my family, active in the protection of this aina, my kupuna, Ruby Keanaaina -- born and raised of this aina, and all who share in the reverence of the spirit of Kaloko-Honokohau.

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member, Na Hoa Pili O Kaloko-Honokohau

Federal Advisory Commission to the Park