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**Before the House Committees on  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
and  
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, February 8, 2013  
10:00 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1412  
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS**

House Bill 1412 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to accommodate mooring of native Hawaiian canoes owned by nonprofit entities and used for educational purposes in small boat harbors, as practicable. The Department supports this measure.

The Department notes that Hawaiian canoes are already allowed to moor in small boat harbors. There are no rules or laws that prohibit the mooring of canoes in the small boat harbors. Many of the small boat harbors, however, are at capacity and have waitlists. Presently, in order to receive a mooring permit for those harbors, the canoes would have to be on the waitlist for those harbors to be eligible to receive a mooring permit.

Implementation of the bill, if enacted into law, requires the Chair of the Department to adopt rules. The Department looks forward to working with all stakeholders.

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