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**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Thursday, February 21, 2013
11:00 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 191
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS**

House Bill 191 authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to consult with and receive assistance from the Hawaii Community Development Authority (HCDA) with regards to planning, developing, operating, administering, and maintaining small boat harbors. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports the intent of the bill.**

The Department notes that the Administration has introduced similar legislation, House Bill 942 and Senate Bill 1173, to establish the Harbors and Parks Development Authority within the Department to coordinate and administer programs to make optimal use of harbors and park lands, while ensuring that the public lands are maintained for the people of Hawaii. As part of the Administration's proposed revisions to the Public Land and Development Corporation law, HCDA is contemplated to assist the Department with development expertise.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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BEFORE THE

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Thursday, February 21, 2013

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in consideration of

H.B. 191 – RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS.

Purpose: Amends §200-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes (“HRS”) and §206E-4, HRS, to authorize the Department of Land and Natural Resources (“DLNR”) to consult with and receive assistance from the Hawaii Community Development Authority (“HCDA”) with regard to the planning, development, operation, administration and maintenance of small boat harbors.

Position: This testimony reflects my view only as the Authority has not had an opportunity to review and act on this measure. The HCDA supports the intent of H.B. 191 and will work to improve operations and maintenance of small boat harbors designated by the DLNR to the limits of its resources should this measure pass.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on this proposal.

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Comments:

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**HOUSE COMMITTEE on FINANCE
February 21, 2013, Public Hearing
House Conference Room 208
11:00 AM**

**HOUSE BILL 191
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS**

Testimony in STRONG OPPOSITION submitted by M.S. Matson

House Bill 191 proposes to anoint the Hawaii Community Development Authority with the power to assist and advise the more experienced Department of Land and Natural Resources on "planning, developing, operating, administering, and maintaining small boat harbors" throughout Hawai'i. While the DLNR's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation may have had some issues in the past, instead of improving this long-standing functional division HB 191 proposes to plant the HCDA fox in the DLNR henhouse - notably similarly to the failed PLDC.

For the past few years following the State DOT Harbors Division's surrender of Honolulu's Kewalo Basin Harbor to the HCDA, the HCDA has demonstrated during their assigned stint managing Kewalo Basin that they remain development-bent toward the highest bidder at the expense of the public interest.

HCDA does not manage harbors. In fact, due to this innate inability they have found it necessary to sub-contract their harbor management assignment to a certain chosen private party, thus layering the cost of managing the Harbor and increasing this cost to State taxpayers.

Over the recent course of events, such sub-contracted party has demonstrated that they do not work well with the traditional harbor users, nor are they able to issue boat slip permits to the traditional commercial harbor users in a timely and agreeable manner. Yet this sub-contractor has ventured to increasingly lease condemned docks to incoming private yacht owners. For this the HCDA is now, per course, offering said sub-contractor a 55-year lease of the Harbor.

Clearly, such questionable practices and policies should not be expanded to our treasured small boat harbors elsewhere on O'ahu and throughout the State. Further, DLNR should not be subjected to diluting or relinquishing their public-interest mandate.

Thus, as Committee in possession of the ultimate oversight of such matters in the State House of Representatives, holding this bill would be the singular most responsible legislative action to be taken on this proposal.

Please hold HB 191 in the greater public interest.

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janice palma-glenie	Individual	Oppose	No

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Dave Cooper	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Strongly Oppose. HCDA is not doing a good job managing Kewalo Basin, the one harbor it has.

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Victoria Cannon	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I oppose HB 191. No need transfer any powers, leave them where they are and provide the proper funding to DLNR to get its job done. Victoria Cannon

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Robert Petricci	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: Feb 21, 2013 11:00 AM Re: HB191 Opposed Aloha chair Luke and committee members. I oppose bill 191 for the same reasons I oppose PLDC. This appears to be more of the same and end run to try and get around overwhelming public opposition to this type of legislation. Robert Petricci president Puna Pono Alliance

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Carey Johnston	Individual	Oppose	No

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Brad Parsons	Individual	Oppose	No

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Julia Horn	Individual	Oppose	No

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Caki Kennedy	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I follow how all state reps vote on all bills and I vote in every election.

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