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**Before the House Committee on
FINANCE**

**Monday, March 21, 2014
2:00 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2877, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO USE PERMITS FOR SMALL BOAT HARBOR FACILITIES**

Senate Bill 2877, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 proposes to clarify that no use permit for a state small boat harbor facility may be transferred unless specifically provided by law. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports this Administration measure.**

This bill proposes to clarify that use permits issued to a corporation or other business entity or is part of a controlled group for a state small boat facility may only be transferred if the corporation or other business entity holds a valid commercial use permit. It also clarifies that if a corporation is owned by another corporation, any change in ownership of either corporation constitutes as a transfer. This will ensure that the issuance of use permits for small boat harbors and related facilities are done fairly and prevents people from being exempt from paying a transfer fee by forming multiple corporations.

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