

# **SB 475**

RELATING TO HARBORS.

Authorizes department of transportation  
to issue revenue bonds for  
capital improvement projects  
for harbor improvements.

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports the intent of this bill as it supports the administration's New Day Work Projects to provide improvements to harbor facilities statewide.

We point out, however, that the appropriations may lapse as it has in the past as the project delivery process oftentimes involve a significant period of time to complete the planning, design, environmental approval process, permitting and other governmental approvals before construction can occur. The department works in close partnership with the Hawaii Harbor User Group on the implementation of the New Day Work Projects and we will request reappropriation of funding as required when we are ready to proceed with the next phase of the process.

We appreciate the committee's support of our efforts.



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Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

Senator J. Kalani English, Chair

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair

State Capitol, Conference Room 224

Monday, January 28, 2013; 1:15 p.m.

**STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON S.B. 475  
RELATING TO HARBORS**

The ILWU Local 142 strongly supports S.B. 475, which authorizes the Department of Transportation to issue revenue bonds for capital improvement projects for harbor improvements.

The ILWU represents almost two-thousand stevedores who work on Hawaii docks every day and bear witness to the fact that Hawaii's harbors are desperately in need of improvement. Congestion on the docks often leads to accidents that verge on life-threatening and leads to loss of efficiency, productivity, and customer service.

With access to funds, the Department of Transportation can begin work on capital improvement projects that address safety and efficiency issues and improve cargo-handling at the ports that are Hawaii's lifeline to goods coming to the state. The Kapalama container terminal is especially needed on Oahu, but the other harbors need attention as well.

The ILWU strongly urges passage of S.B. 475. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this matter.



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In consideration of **SB 475**

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**James E. Coon, President**

**Ocean Tourism Coalition**

**Speaking in Support of SB 475**

My name is **James E. Coon**, President of the **Ocean Tourism Coalition** (OTC) Hawaii's State-wide organization. We represent the 300 Small Commercial Passenger Vessels operating out of State Harbor facilities. We speak in **Support of HB 475**

We agree with the intent of this bill to provide a mechanism for DOT Harbors to continue upgrading our harbor facilities. Our harbors will have to be massively improved and additional harbor lands obtained to handle the anticipated growth of our maritime industry and the increase in freight.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 808-870-9115.

Sincerely,

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January 25, 2013

TO: The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa  
Council Chair *Gladys C. Baisa*

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF JANUARY 28, 2013; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 475,  
RELATING TO HARBORS**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to authorize the State Department of Transportation to issue revenue bonds for capital improvement projects for harbor improvements.

The Maui County Council has not had the opportunity to take a formal position on this measure. Therefore, I am providing this testimony in my capacity as an individual member of the Maui County Council.

I support this measure for the following reasons:

1. Act 200, Session Laws of Hawaii 2008, authorized the issuance of harbor revenue bonds for certain specified capital improvement projects that were part of the commercial harbors modernization plan. In 2011, the repeal of this Act stopped much needed improvements; however, the demand for berthing rights from cargo, fuel, and cruise ships has continued to increase.
2. Ocean surface transportation is our State's lifeline. On Maui, the bulk of our goods arrive at Kahului Harbor. Hana Harbor supports daily economic activity for the Hana community and provides a much needed alternative should highway travel be interrupted. It is more critical than ever to upgrade existing port facilities and develop harbor improvements in an expedited manner.
3. This measure designates bond revenue towards the design and purchase of additional land for various improvements at Kahului Harbor, and the development of infrastructure and expansion of facilities at Hana Harbor. Such improvements are long overdue.

For the foregoing reasons, I support this measure.

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TO: The Honorable J. Kalani English, Chair  
Senate Committee on Transportation and International Affairs

FROM: **Don Couch**  
Council Member, South Maui District

DATE: Monday, January 28, 2013

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF SB 475, RELATING TO HARBORS.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this measure. I **provide this testimony as an individual member** of the Maui County Council.

I **support SB 475** for the reasons cited in testimony submitted by the Maui County Council Chair, and urge you to support this measure.