

## WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE Senator David Y. Ige, Chair Senator Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair

Thursday, April 17, 2014, 10:45 a.m., Room 211

HCR 14 Authorizing the Issuance of a Lease and Easement of Certain Submerged Lands at Manele Bay, Lāna'i, to Lāna'i Resorts, LLC

Dear Chair Ige, Vice Chair Kidani and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in SUPPORT of HCR 14 authorizing the issuance of a lease and easement of Manele Small Boat Harbor certain submerged lands to Lāna'i Resorts, LLC, dba Pulama Lāna'i. I am Lynn McCrory, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs for Pūlama Lāna'i.

Pūlama Lāna'i, the company formed after the purchase of land on Lāna'i by Larry Ellison, is working with the community to build a sustainable Lanai. Our mission is to develop, advance and nurture a sustainable future for the island of Lāna'i. The community and we are actively moving forward with historical and cultural preservation, natural resource conservation, a desalination facility, housing additions, education and healthcare expansions, agriculture opportunities, transportation alternatives, hotel enhancements, tourist activities, and capacity building on the island.

One component of these plans is the Manele Small Boat Harbor. The request for a new submerged land lease by Pūlama Lāna'i is part of this beginning, by looking to the past for guidance. The tsunami damage that is currently being repaired has brought a new perspective as to what type of dock would withstand another tsunami. The floating dock is believed to be the answer, and as part of this lease we will be paying for the cost of the dock. We will also complete an ocean bottom topographical map and an archeological/cultural interpretative study of the areas surrounding the harbor. While repairs are made to the Expeditions Ferry and Trilogy Excursions dock, they will have use of the floating dock for loading and unloading residents and guests to Lāna'i.

We brought the proposed lease to the Manele Harbor Advisor Committee on November 6, 2013 for their consideration. You will find a letter from the committee following this testimony supporting the proposed lease. We also brought this submerged land lease to the island wide Lāna'i community at our February 10, 2014 Community Informational Meeting, and again received concurrence from the 38 attendees that there were not issues in going forward with the submerged lease.

We humbly ask that you approve HCR 14 authorizing the issuance of a lease and easement of certain submerged lands at Manele Bay, Lanai, to Lāna'i Resorts, LLC. Mahalo!

Me ke aloha pumehana With warm aloha,

Lyn P. Merry

Lynn P. McCrory

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#### MANELE HARBOR ADVISOR COMMITTEE

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November 6, 2013

Mr. William J. Aila, Chairperson Board of Land & Natural Resources 1151 Punchbowl Honolulu, HI 96813 By Hand Delivered

Re: BLNR Agenda Item J.2. November 8, 2013

Authorize the Termination of General Lease No. B-00-1 and Easement to Lāna'i Company, Inc., Castle & Cooke Resorts, LLC and the Issuance of the New Lease and Easement by way of Direct Negotiation to Lāna'i Resorts, LLC, dba Pūlama Lāna'i, Manele Small Boat Harbor, Manele, County of Maui, Island of Lāna'i, Tax Map Key (2) 4-9-17:06

Dear Chair Aila:

This testimony is in SUPPORT of the DOBOR submittal on the above termination of a lease and easement and the subsequent direct negotiation for a lease and easement to Lāna'i Resorts, LLC, dba Pūlama Lāna'i. We are the Manele Small Boat Harbor Advisory Board, and at our Wednesday, November 6, 2013 meeting we voted to support this submittal as written.

Over the next two years, repairs to the Manele Small Boat Harbor will be taking place and the use of the lease area for multiple entities usage will be very important. During that time the ocean harbor bottom survey and the cultural survey can be completed by Pūlama Lāna'i and we will have a better understanding of any opportunities to expand or not to expand the harbor. Pūlama Lāna'i purchasing the floating dock and having it remain in place will be a benefit to the harbor users. Pūlama Lāna'i's maintenance of the harbor facility continues and is to continue under the lease terms. These will all contribute to our having the most beautiful and functional small boat harbors in Hawaii.

Pūlama Lāna'i has shown that it is willing and has worked with the Lāna'i community on a number of issues both for renovations and enhancements to the island community. They are open to community suggestions and we believe that this lease will once more offer a benefit to the Lāna'i community. We ask that you approve BLNR agenda item J.2. Mahalo!

Sincerely,

MANELE SMALL BOAT HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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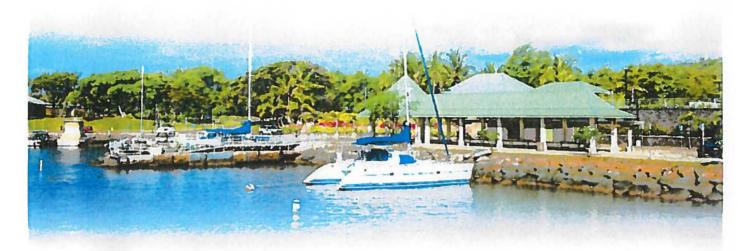
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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

## **Informational Meeting**



**SUBJECT:** Mooring Permits for Kaumalapau and Mānele Harbors and Mānele Floating Dock Lease

Monday, February 10, 2014 ILWU Hall • 6 p.m.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call (808) 237-2213.

