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Measure Title: RELATING TO HARBORS.

Report Title: Department of Land and Natural Resources; Office of Planning; Ala Wai Harbor Master Plan

Description: Requires the department of land and natural resources and office of planning to develop a master plan for Ala Wai harbor.

Companion:

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL, WAM

Introducer(s): GALUTERIA, KIDANI, WAKAI, Dela Cruz, Solomon

<u>Sort by Date</u>		Status Text
1/17/2014	S	Introduced.
1/21/2014	S	Passed First Reading.
1/21/2014	S	Referred to WTL, WAM.
2/5/2014	S	The committee(s) on WTL has scheduled a public hearing on 02-12-14 2:55PM in conference room 225.

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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2014
2:55 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2415
RELATING TO HARBORS**

Senate Bill 2415 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and the Office of Planning to develop a master plan for Ala Wai Harbor. **The Department does not support this measure.**

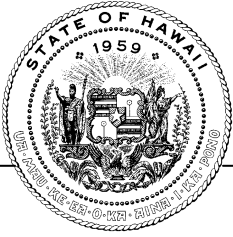
The Department issued a sixty five year lease to Honey Bee USA, Inc. for the former boat haul out area and fuel dock site in December 2013. The remaining available land is the area located at the current harbor office site. Act 197, Session Laws of 2011, directed the Department to lease this remaining parcel of land and specified the permissible uses. Because the boat haul out area and fuel dock site are now under a long term lease and the Legislature directed the Department to lease the remaining parcel and defined the permissible uses, a master plan is no longer needed for this facility.

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Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

SB 2415 states that the Office of Planning shall approve a completed comprehensive Ala Wai harbor master plan as submitted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and present the plan to all appropriate state agencies that have jurisdiction in Ala Wai harbor. The Office of Planning (OP) defers to DLNR on whether a master plan is appropriate for its program. OP does not have jurisdiction or authority over the Ala Wai harbor. If the legislature pursues this bill, we recommend appropriating funds to achieve the bill's objectives, which include (1) funds to contract for expertise in master planning for a project of this scope and size, and (2) funds to contract with technical experts to support the preparation of an environmental and ecological assessment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.