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**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Wednesday, February 26, 2014
10:30 A.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3077
RELATING TO THE MAALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR**

Senate Bill 3077 proposes to appropriate funding for a capital improvement project at the Maalaea Small Boat Harbor. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) appreciates the intent of this measure and would support the offer of capital improvement funding as long as the Administration's budget request remains intact.**

Initial construction for the Maalaea Small Boat Harbor was in 1952 and the Harbor was built for recreational and commercial fishing vessels. In Fiscal Year 2013, the Harbor had over \$960,000 in revenues, with 75% of that from commercial operators and is the highest grossing harbor in Maui County and the third highest statewide.

The Department estimates that \$4 million is needed to replace seventeen wooden finger piers and associated concrete piles along the south mole of the harbor, where most of the large capacity commercial tour operators are located.

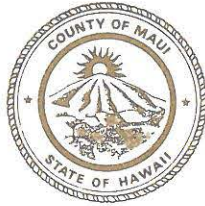
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TESTIMONY OF ALAN ARAKAWA, MAYOR COUNTY OF MAUI

BEFORE THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Wednesday, February 26, 2014, 10:30 a.m., Conference Rm. 211

SENATE BILL 3077 RELATING TO THE MAALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR

The Honorable David Y. Ige, Chair
Honorable Michelle N. Kidani, Vice Chair
And Members of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in **support** of **SB 3077** relating to the Maalaea Small Boat Harbor.

The purpose of this measure is to appropriate \$4,000,000 for the capital improvement project at the Maalaea small boat harbor on Maui, which includes the replacement of wooden finger piers along the south mole of the harbor, the demolition of the existing piers and steel piles, installation of new aluminum framed piers, and new composite plastic fingering.

As Mayor of Maui County, I support SB 3077 for the following reasons:

- The small boat harbors of Maui County are especially important due to the fact that Maui County is a three-island county, and our small harbors serve as a vital connection between the islands of Lanai, Maui, and Molokai.
- The Maalaea Small Boat Harbor was initially constructed in 1952 for recreational and commercial fishing vessels. This boat harbor continues to be heavily used by both residents and visitors who rely upon this harbor for commercial and recreational ocean activities. In fiscal year 2013, this harbor had over \$960,000 in revenues, with 75% of revenues from commercial operators, making it the highest grossing harbor in Maui County and the third highest in the state.

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- For these reasons, it is crucial to keep this small boat harbor in good and safe working condition. Unfortunately, the finger piers located along the south mole at the Maalaea harbor are badly deteriorated and beyond repair. In order to ensure safe access to this harbor by residents and visitors it is necessary to replace the wooden finger piers, which includes demolition of the existing piers and steel piles, as well as installing new aluminum framed piers and new composite plastic fingering.

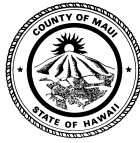
For these reasons, I support of SB 3077 relating to the Maalaea Small Boat Harbor.

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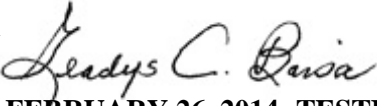


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February 25, 2014

TO: The Honorable David Ige, Chair
Senate Committee on Ways and Means

FROM: Gladys C. Baisa
Council Chair 

SUBJECT: **HEARING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2014; TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 3077,
RELATING TO THE MAALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify **in support** of this important measure. The purpose of this measure is to appropriate funds for the capital improvement project at Maalaea Small Boat Harbor for the replacement of wooden finger piers along the south mole at the harbor, including the demolition of the existing piers and steel piles, installation of new aluminum framed piers, and new composite plastic fingering.

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. The Maalaea Small Boat Harbor provides access to ocean activities for our County residents and visitors. Maalaea is a popular harbor, and its proper maintenance will ensure continued access to recreational activities for residents as well as provide economic opportunity for commercial operators.
2. The funding will provide infrastructure improvements at the harbor. The funds will be used to replace deteriorated harbor elements and bring the harbor back to good working condition. The value of this project to our County is clear, and completion of the project will result in immediate improvements to the function and safety of our harbor.

For the foregoing reasons, I **support** this measure.

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