

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND Senator Malama Solomon, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Monday, March 10, 2013 1:30 pm Room 225

TESTIMONY OF TRILOGY EXCURSIONS SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF SCR 12

Chair Senator Solomon, Vice Chair Senator Galuteria, Members of WTL Committee:

My name is James Coon. I am one of the founders and CEO of Trilogy Excursions our family business celebrating over 40 years providing daily excursions to Lanai via Manele Small Boat Harbor. I am speaking in **support** of SCR 12; Pulama Lanai's request to be issued a 55 year lease at Manele Small Boat Harbor.

We support this lease proposal and appreciate the language in SCR 12 which provides temporary access for the Ferry and Trilogy while their docks are unavailable for use. The floating dock which was installed in the proposed Pulama Lanai Lease area was originally designed and built to accommodate these two companies while their slips were unavailable to use because of reconstruction.

Only these two companies, Trilogy and Expeditions are severely impacted by this current FEMA project and the Ferry Improvement Project which will soon follow. These two companies have permanent docks in Manele that were built with their own funds and which were damaged in the Japanese Tsunami in March 11, 2011, which severely damaged Manele Small Boat Harbor.

All other visiting vessels--both private and commercial--have access to the Traditional Public Loading Dock at slip #1. This access should remain the same. On the other hand, both Trilogy and Expeditions will have their entire docks torn out and repaired as well as repairing the rock groins which support the docks. This will make it impossible for these two companies to conduct their normal operations without preferential use of the floating dock during both of these projects.

We believe Pulama Lanai will both accommodate our two companies and be an excellent steward of this harbor. We humbly ask you to pass SCR 12 as written.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, CEO Trilogy Excursions



# COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND Senator Malama Solomon, Chair Senator Brickwood Galuteria, Vice Chair

Monday, March 10, 2014, 1:30 p.m. Room 225

SCR 12 Authorizing the Issuance of a Lease and Easement of Certain Submerged Lands at Manele Bay, Lāna'i, to Lāna'i Resorts, LLC

Dear Chair Solomon, Vice Chair Galuteria, and Members of the Committee:

This testimony is in SUPPORT of SCR 12 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 SCR 12 authorizing the issuance of a lease and easement of certain submerged lands at Manele Bay, Lanai, to Lāna'i Resorts, LLC. Mahalo!

Sincerely.

LIVERT P. McCrory

Senior Vice President of Government Affairs

# 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 SWALL BOAT HARBOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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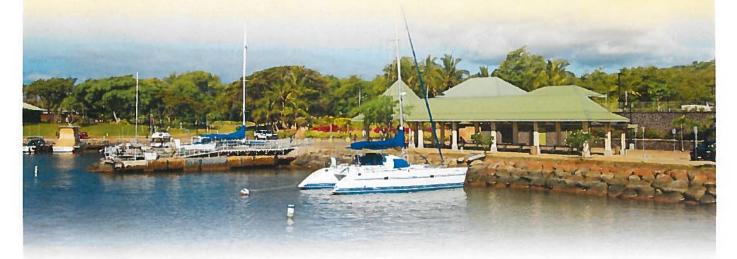
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# COMMUNITY UPDATE

# **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.



# SCR12



AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE AND EASEMENT OF

Measure Title: CERTAIN SUBMERGED LANDS AT MANELE BAY, LANA'I, TO LANA'I

RESORTS, LLC.

Report Title: Submerged Lands Lease; DLNR; Manele Bay

Description:

Companion: <u>HCR14</u>

Package: None

Current Referral: WTL, WAM

Introducer(s): ENGLISH

Sort by Date		Status Text
1/21/2014	S	Offered.
1/23/2014	S	Referred to WTL, WAM.
1/31/2014	S	The committee(s) on WTL has scheduled a public hearing on 03-10-14 1:30PM in conference room 225.

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# STATE OF HAWAII DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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Testimony of WILLIAM J. AILA, JR. Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 10, 2014 1:30 P.M. State Capitol, Conference Room 225

In consideration of
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 12
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE AND EASEMENT OF CERTAIN
SUBMREGED LANDS AT MANELE BAY, LANA'I, TO LANA'I RESORTS, LLC

Senate Concurrent Resolution 12 authorizes the issuance of a lease and easement of certain submerged lands at Manele Bay, Lana'i, to Lana'i Resorts, LLC. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure.** 

The Legislature authorized the issuance of a similar lease and easement to Castle & Cooke, Inc., who then renamed the corporation to Lana'I Resorts, LLC., which was subsequently purchased by Mr. Larry Ellison. The initial lease and easement called for a marina to be built but after the recent tsunami events it was determined that a marina would not be feasible in this area and a single floating dock would be more appropriate. The Department also appreciates Lana'i Resorts, LLC. commitment to maintaining the Manele Small boat Harbor landscaping and ferry passenger waiting areas.

#### WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.

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