

**HB 2235,
HD1**

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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

Monday, March 14, 2016
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State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2235, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR

House Bill 2235, House Draft 1 proposes to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer the operation, administration, management, and maintenance of the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor to a community-based board of Hawaii County, a public-private partnership, or a private organization. The measure also appropriates funds for repairs and maintenance of the harbor. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure with the following proposed amendment.**

The Department feels it is time to move the State Small Boat Harbor Program in a new direction and would prefer that the Legislature support Senate Bill 2900 and House Bill 2371 which are the Department's administrative proposals. These bills would accomplish the same outcome but also allow the Department to enter into similar agreements with the rest of the State small boat harbors. Should the Legislature decide to move forward with this measure, the Department recommends deleting subsection (a)(1) as it pertains to a community-based board of the county where the harbor is located. This type of management style is very cumbersome and does not lend itself to the effective and efficient operation of the facility. Allowing the Department to enter into public-private partnerships or working with private organizations would free up valuable staff time and resources that can be allocated to the management of the State's navigable waters and near shore areas that are in dire need of resource protection.

Finally, while the Department is supportive of the funding for the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, the Department respectfully request however that the Legislature support the Capital Improvement Projects found in the Administration's Supplemental Budget request.



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**Testimony of
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Aha Moku Advisory Committee Member, Moku O Keawe**

**Before the Senate Committee on
Water, Land and Agriculture**

**Monday, March 14, 2016
2:45 P.M.
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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2235 HD 1
RELATING TO HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR**

House Bill 2235 HD 1 proposes to authorize the board of land and natural resources to transfer the operation, administration, management, and maintenance of Honokohau small boat harbor to a community-based board of Hawaii County, a public-private organization, or a private organization. It further appropriates funds for repairs and maintenance of the harbor. **Aha Moku supports this measure.**

The Honokohau Harbor is located within the Ahupua'a of Honokohauiki, Kona Moku on the Mokupuni (Island) of Moku O Keawe (Hawaii). The area has long been used by local fishermen even before the Honokohau Harbor was built in 1965. It has a natural harbor and a thriving fishery that has been the fishery used not only by the Honokohauiki Ahupua'a, but the neighboring ahupua'a of Puapua'a (where Kailua-Kona is located), Holualoa, Kaloko, O'oma and Kalaoa (where the Kona Airport is located). It is next to the Kaloko-Honokohau National Historic Park which houses the Ai'io pio Fishpond – an ancient Native Hawaiian fishpond that supplemented the fishery subsistence connected with Honokohau.

It is because of this history of Honokohau that Aha Moku supports a community-based board of Hawaii County. However, we ask that a community member of the Ahupua'a of Honokohauiki who is a subsistence fisherman (*lawaiia*) and who has traditional knowledge of the natural and cultural resources of Honokohau be a member of the newly created board. Honokohau Harbor is now a public entity that welcomes all to use it. Therefore, in order to ensure the historic and cultural importance of the area where the Honokohau Harbor is located is included, we believe that this traditional fisherman (*lawaiia*) of this ahupua'a should be included in any discussion and decision-making made on a community-based board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

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COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND AND AGRICULTURE

The Honorable Mike Gabbard, Chair
The Honorable, Clarence K. Nishihara Vice Chair

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TESTIMONY ON HB2235, HD1 RELATING TO HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR

By Dayton M. Nakanelua,
State Director of the United Public Workers,
AFSCME, Local 646, AFL-CIO

My name is Dayton M. Nakanelua, state director of the United Public Workers, AFSCME, Local 646, and AFL-CIO (UPW). The UPW is the exclusive representative for approximately 11,000 public employees, which include blue collar, non-supervisory employees in Bargaining Unit 01 and institutional, health and correctional employees in Bargaining Unit 10, in the State of Hawaii and various counties.

HB2235, HD1 authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer the operations, administration, management and maintenance of Honokohau small boat harbor to a community-based board of Hawaii County, a public-private-partnership, or a private organization. The bill appropriates funds for repair and maintenance of the harbor.

Honokohau small boat harbor is an active state facility utilized by hundreds of residents and visitors alike on a daily basis. The harbor requires significant improvements and additional resources to meet the expanding needs of the community, businesses, fishermen, recreationalists and visitors. However, transferring the operations, administration, management and maintenance of the harbor to a "partner" requires the sharing of risks, resources, financing, liabilities, duties and responsibilities. The bill fails to describe these critical elements of the proposed public-private-partnership including the status of current personnel. The UPW strongly **opposes** bill HB2235, HD1.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.



COMMITTEE ON WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair

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**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN
SUPPORT OF HB2235 HD1 RELATING TO HONOKOHAU SMALL
BOAT HARBOR**

Aloha Chair Senator Gabbard, Vice Chair Senator Nishihara and Members of the Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture:

My name is James Coon and I am the president of the Ocean Tourism Coalition speaking in support of HB 2235 HD1. The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. It is the consensus of our members on the Big Island that OTC should support this bill.

Many feel that the time is here for the State Small Boat Harbor Program to move in a new direction. Community Based Management may or may not be the best method for this to happen but we believe it is worthwhile to keep this bill moving so this important dialogue can continue.

Please pass HB 22235 HD 1

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President; Ocean Tourism Coalition



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March 12, 2016

Support for: HB2235 HD1 Relating to Honokohau Small Boat Harbor

Over many, many years, Hawaii's legislators have heard from their constituents that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Boating Division (DLNR-BOR) has been failing Hawaii's boating community and ocean recreation industry. Several legislative audits have confirmed that, and the issues raised therein are largely ignored, year-after-year.

It is time to pursue a new management paradigm, and this bill offers an opportunity to consider several proven options for how Hawaii's Small Boat Harbors could be managed, including a public private partnership.

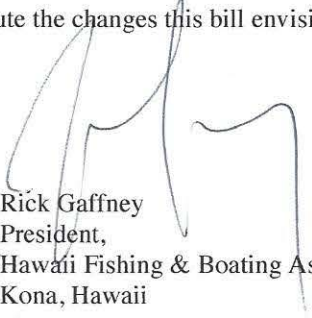
In every other state in the union, boating facilities are managed locally. It is time to change the way Hawaii manages all of its boating facilities and the West Hawaii boating community, centered at Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, is ready to participate in the process. Please start replacing Hawaii's ineffectual and dysfunctional management system by passing this bill and instituting the new management paradigm it suggests.

Some 300 small businesses in West Hawaii, and our recreational boating community, are dependent upon the facilities at Honokohau, yet our small boat harbor remains unfinished 40 years after it first opened, and the DLNR-BBOR seems to be incapable of completing, repairing, improving, maintaining and operating the facility, which is a serious disservice to the boating community and ocean recreation industry in West Hawaii, and has a negative impact on the economy of our community and the State as a whole.

The creation of a locally based public-private partnership for Honokohau would allow management to be undertaken at the local level, with direct communication possible between the boaters and the managers, and provide the opportunity for private parties to participate in completing the harbor's infrastructure and improving the facilities in a timely fashion. The State would continue to own the land and would clearly benefit from improved management of their property.

It is time to institute the changes this bill envisions. Please pass HB2235 HD 1.

Mahalo,


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Comments: Department of Land and Natural Rehouse transfer target date is June 30 2016. This bill does not say how to transfer to proper management receiver. Please make negotiation to County of Hawaii Mayer Billy Kenoi. He and his staff is County of Hawaii community leaders. They are the key team to receive Honokohau Harbor management from State of Hawaii Department of Land and natural Resource. This is proper way to transfer community management. Otherwise we need to election for who is receiver for this matter. They did testimony to say "we can receive Honokohau Harbor for Community". Kona community is not want private outer island power to management Honokohau Harbor. State of Hawaii should provide proper transfer expanses fund to County of Hawaii special account. Because Honokohau harbor is death service to community. County of Hawaii should continue to hire those DNLR Honokohau office employee, if both condition is agreeable by support by State of Hawaii special account.

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