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**Testimony of  
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**Before the House Committee on  
FINANCE**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015  
11:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 308**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 485  
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS.**

House Bill 485 proposes to require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to develop individual emergency response plans for natural and non-natural emergencies that threaten small boat harbors under Department jurisdiction. **The Department does not feel this measure is necessary as there is already the Hawaii Boater's Hurricane and Tsunami Safety Manual which breaks down what a boater should expect and how to prepare for a natural disaster such as hurricanes and tsunamis.**

The original Hawaii Boaters Hurricane Safety Manual was published in 1998 for the Department's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) by the University of Hawaii Sea Grant program. Subsequently, in 2013, it was updated and produced under contract with Hawaii State Civil Defense and funded in part by a grant/cooperative agreement from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It is now titled Hawaii Boater's Hurricane and Tsunami Safety Manual (Manual).

As mentioned previously, the Manual breaks down what a boater should expect and how to prepare for a natural disaster such as hurricanes and tsunamis. The Manual also breaks down the emergency response plan for each of the small boat harbors under the Department's jurisdiction by the hour. The response plan can be adapted to fit non-natural emergencies on an as needed basis, for example, the recent jet fuel spill that occurred at the Keehi Small Boat Harbor, Oahu.

The Manual is available at all state small boat harbors, district offices, the administrative office, and on the DOBOR website. Copies of the Manual can be made available to the Committee upon request as well.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Rick Gaffney	Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association	Support	No

Comments: The Hawaii Fishing & Boating Association would like to testify in strong support of HB 485 which requires DLNR-BOR to develop individual emergency plans for each of Hawaii's Small Boat Harbors. Hawaii's Small Boat Harbors face numerous potential disasters from tsunami, high winds, boat fires, storm surge and more. Our small boat harbors are all crowded, they sit on a variety of shorelines, and have a variety of layouts and services available, meaning these facilities must respond to natural and man-made disasters quite differently, in every case. With climate change and sea level rise already impacting these facilities and storm frequency increasing, this bill is more important now than ever. DLNR BOR has only a single generic emergency plan covering all of its facilities statewide. The current generic plan is woefully inadequate. Please support and pass HB485.

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Ray Kalman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I am in favor of this bill in its entirety and would like to see a simplified, fair and consistently enforced set of rules sooner rather than later. As it relates specifically to Emergency Plans however, I would add that it seems if it takes the legislature to have to act on what should be a simple administrative function of DOBOR, it's director and administrators for each individual harbor, perhaps the legislature might also consider a different director and/or management system for the State's Small Boat Harbors. I might suggest that the director have a comprehensive body of knowledge that includes marina administration and management, grant writing capabilities, business acumen and an administrative background that includes working to find solutions that address the needs of the people, facility, business activities and government. Then, perhaps the rule making process will proceed in a timely manner. The greatest tragedy and emergency facing Hawaii's small Boat Harbors is its leadership.

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Victoria L Kalman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Thank you for this opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 485 requiring DOBOR to develop site specific emergency plans and to post emergency contact information. In recent times, there have been major incidents -- everything from tsunami to boat explosions -- in Honokohau Harbor where I maintain a moored vessel. Not only is there no known plan for emergencies, there is no posted number other than "911." Members of the harbor community have requested emergency contact information, and this request has never been fulfilled. In my personal opinion, the lack of posted emergency resources and information is simply irresponsible. Thank you for considering this bill. I respectfully ask for your support of it so that each of our harbor facilities can be safer for all concerned. Respectfully, Victoria Kalman, Esq. (retired)

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