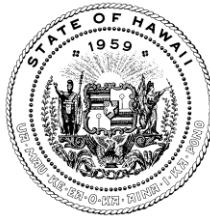


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Before the House Committees on
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Monday, February 18, 2015
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325

In **SUPPORT** of
House Bill 720
Relating to the West Maui Ocean Recreation Management Area

HB 720 makes permanent the west Maui ocean recreation management area advisory committee. It adds one member to the committee with a background in ocean safety. **The Aha Moku supports this bill as it reflects the State's commitment to the sustainability and safety of the west Maui area. However, we would ask for one amendment.**

For decades, the west Maui coastline has been enjoyed by a strong tourism and recreational market as well as a consistent use by residents and the native Hawaiian community. When the west Maui Ocean Recreation Management Area Advisory Committee (Committee) was created in 2012, the Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) was also created by the Legislature in the same year. Its focus is to integrate native Hawaiian natural and cultural resource site-specific methodology into regulatory policy. The AMAC is attached to the department of land and natural resources administratively. Through the Aha Moku System, generational practitioners such as *lawaia* (fishermen) who are specifically from the west Maui moku and ahupua'a should be able to assist the Committee. Their knowledge of the ocean is traditional and vast. It encompasses the knowledge of the currents, resources, species known to the area, weather conditions and when it is safe to be in certain areas.

The current make-up of the committee states that there should be one swimming enthusiast, one paddling enthusiast, one surfing enthusiast, one commercial boating enthusiast, one fishing enthusiast, and an addition of one with a background in ocean safety. All of these members seem to

be focused on using and managing the west Maui coastline for leisure and amusement activities except for the new requested addition. We believe having a person with Native Hawaiian traditional and generational knowledge of the west Maui coast would be beneficial to the Committee, to Maui and to the DLNR. **Thus we would like to amend this measure by adding one more member to the committee – that of one with traditional and generational Hawaiian knowledge of the west Maui coast to be selected by the chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources from the Moku O Piilani Aha Moku System (Maui Aha Moku).**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **SUPPORT of HB 720.**

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**Wednesday, February 18, 2015
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 720
RELATING TO THE WEST MAUI OCEAN RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA**

House Bill 720 proposes to make permanent the West Maui Ocean Recreation Management Area Advisory Committee (Committee) and adds one member to the committee with a background in ocean safety. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) does not support this measure.**

The Department notes that since its formation in September of 2012, the Committee has only met on a handful of occasions. The current Committee was consulted at the time of the installation of swim buoys at Kamaole Beach and Canoe Beach on Maui. Once the swim buoy project was completed, the Department has received little or no input or comment from the Committee on any West Maui ocean recreation issues. The Department notes that it currently has the ability in Hawaii Administrative Rules §13-256-4 to establish Ocean Recreation Management Area Advisory Committees statewide. For instance, a committee was recently formed to address the issues relating to manta ray viewing on the Island of Hawaii. The Department recommends that committees be formed on an as needed basis.

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WEST MAUI OCEAN RECREATION MANAGEMENT AREA

Teralani Sailing Adventures has been operating from Kaanapali for over 20 years. We, as well as many other Kaanapali permit holders have a vested interest in the safe and manageable commercial boating operations in and around the Kaanapali and West Maui near shore waters.

We are in support of HB-720 but ask that you include an operator holding a Kaanapali ORMA permit. We are uniquely positioned to provide the prospective of the commercial operator. Maui is a worldwide destination and a major attraction is ocean activities which we provide to thousands of visitors a month. Please consider placing a Kaanapali Operator on the West Maui Ocean Advisory council.

Mahalo for your consideration,

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