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**Before the House Committee on
WATER & LAND**

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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 955
RELATING TO USE PERMITS FOR SMALL BOAT HARBORS.**

House Bill 955 proposes to clarify that a person at least eighteen years of age need not obtain a marine surveyor's inspection nor provide documentation that the person is the owner of a vessel in order to be placed on a waitlist for a use permit to moor a vessel in a state small boat harbor. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration measure.**

Act 10, Session Laws of Hawaii 2014, amended section 200-10(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes, requiring that a person must be at least eighteen years of age prior to obtaining a use permit or being placed on a waitlist for a use permit.

However, the manner in which the statutory language in the Act was structured has the unintended consequence of requiring that a person at least eighteen years of age to:

- (1) Obtain a marine surveyor's inspection no more than two years old, certifying that the surveyor has inspected the vessel and considers it to fulfill the requirements set by the Department, and;
- (2) Provide documentation that the person is the owner of a vessel prior to being placed on the waitlist for a use permit.

Paragraphs (1) and (2) above are unrealistic as the majority of people requesting to be placed on the waitlist do not own a vessel at the time they apply since they do not have a place to moor the vessel. The Department is in agreement with the clarification of the language.

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