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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS
and
WATER & LAND**

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016
10:30 AM**

State Capitol, Conference Room 325

**In consideration of
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 160/HOUSE RESOLUTION 111
URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
INCREASE ACTIVE PATROLS OF KAILUA BAY, EXPAND NO WAKE SPEED
ZONES, AND ENFORCE BOATING SAFETY RULES**

House Concurrent Resolution 160/House Resolution 111 urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to increase active patrols of Kailua Bay, Oahu, expand no wake speed zones and enforce boating safety rules. **The Department offers comments on these measures.**

The Department agrees that Hawaii's ocean waters are an invaluable resource for residents and tourists, and the safety of everyone who uses the State's marine resources is a high priority. The Department understands the Legislature's concerns relating to ocean safety in Kailua Bay and recognizes that there are similar issues and concerns statewide.

Due in part to the Department's multi-faceted mission of protecting the State's natural, cultural, historical and recreational resources, the Department is limited in its capacity to provide for a greater presence in Kailua Bay. Additional staffing, vessels and equipment will be necessary.

The Department will strive to increase its presence to the extent possible, and would welcome the assistance of the Legislature in providing additional resources.

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HCR160

Submitted on: 3/20/2016

Testimony for OMH on Mar 23, 2016 10:30AM in Conference Room 325

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Vernon Hinsvark	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please support HCR160. We need more oversight of Kailua waters before there is another accident that leads to loss of life or the state being sued. Thank you for your support. Vernon Hinsvark.

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Paula Ress	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Too dangerous! We need help to keep people safe in Kailua Bay.

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HCR160

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
eric olson	Individual	Support	No

Comments: My family and I recreate in Kailua Bay all the time. Increased DLNR presence would go a long way toward making the waters safer.

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Lawrence Pau	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kuliaikanu'u Petzoldt	Individual	Support	No

Comments: As someone who grew up boating in Kailua Bay, and as a parent who now worries about the impact of boating in the bay on my child and her friends - I fully support this bill. We absolutely must increase patrols and thereby enforcement, and expand no-wake speed zones to prevent needless tragedies and protect both our local families and visitors alike.

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HCR160

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Charles Prentiss	Kailua Neighborhood Board	Support	No

Comments: The Kailua Neighborhood Board has been addressing this issue, and a final motion of support is expected at our meeting of April 7, 2016. The waters inside the reef of Kailua Bay are used intensively by swimmers, kite boarders, sail boarders, numerous kayaks, stand up paddlers, and others. There is no longer any safe place for speeding boats inside the reef, and a no-wake zone is needed to provide safety for all users including local residents and thousands of unsuspecting tourists.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kepa Dwight	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I'd like to express my strong support for HCR 160. The recent tragic accident in Kailua Bay could have easily been avoided if DLNR DOBOR had maintained an active enforcement presence in our local waters. Given how important our marine resources are for recreation, tourism, and general enjoyment, it is shocking how little law enforcement presence there is at present. As a lifelong ocean enthusiast, I have seen countless instances where boating, marine conservation, and safety laws have been violated that would have been addressed or avoided were there an active marine patrol enforcement presence in our waters. My visits to other states where marine resources are equally vital shows that in every one of those states, the protection of the resource and the safety of users is of a much higher level of importance than Hawaii. Please pass this resolution and take the appropriate steps to provide DLNR with the funding necessary to staff and maintain on water patrols.

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Lisa Cates	Individual	Support	No

Comments: No wake zones in any bay utilized by recreational divers, swimmers, and various water sports should be enforced across the entire State of Hawaii. Please vote in support of HCR160 to prevent another tragedy from happening in our nearshore waters.

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