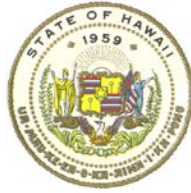


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**Testimony of  
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Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER, LAND, AND AGRICULTURE**

**Friday, April 15, 2016  
2:55 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 160  
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 urges the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to increase active patrols of Kailua Bay, expand no wake speed zones and enforce boating safety rules. **The Department offers comments on this measure.**

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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Charles Prentiss	Kailua Neighborhood Board	Support	No

Comments: The Kailua Neighborhood Board has been addressing this issue for Kailua Bay, and adopted the following motion at our meeting of April 7, 2016: "The Kailua Neighborhood Board requests the State Department of Land and Natural resources to establish a no-wake zone for motorized vessels inside the reef of Kailua Bay, Oahu." 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. Because of the limited area, enforcement by DLNR would be an easy matter with current resources. Please adopt HCR160.

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