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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Monday, February 1, 2016
2:45 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2382
RELATING TO THE MAALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBORS.**

Senate Bill 2382 proposes to appropriate funds for pier improvements at Maalaea Small Boat Harbor on Maui. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Department's Supplemental Budget request.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this measure.

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**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION
SPEAKING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB2382 RELATING TO MAALAEA SMALL BOAT
HARBOR**

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition **speaking in strong support of SB 2382**. The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. Most of these are family businesses which are locally owned and operated. Many of them have been in business for several decades and are an important and valued part of their respective communities. Many of these businesses operate from Maalaea Small Boat Harbor. Additionally, there are many private boat owners and Commercial Fishermen that have moorings in Maalaea Harbor.

The piers in Maalaea Harbor are in desperate need of repairs. It has been decades since slip repair was done in Maalaea Harbor. Many companies have taken it upon themselves to repair their finger piers, however the permitting process can take up to two years for individuals and the cost is very high.

Please appropriate these badly needed funds for this long overdue project.
We humbly ask you to pass SB 2382.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President OTC