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To: Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice Chair and
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To: Senator Rosalyn Baker, Chair
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair and
Members of the Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture

RE: SB 2908 Relating to Commercial Use of State Ocean Waters
Hearing: Friday, February 5, 2016, 2:45 p.m., Room 224

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The 'Āina Haina Community Association writes in support of SB 2908 Relating to Commercial Use of State Ocean Waters, which allows the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to limit commercial use of state ocean waters where it is reasonable for environmental or user safety considerations to do so.

At a neighborhood board meeting, we were surprised to hear that the issuing of commercial use permits was considered ministerial by DLNR and the department did not have the authority to limit those permits. The discussion was prompted by our concern over an increase of permits that would be issued as a result of new rules adopted 4/24/14 (HAR §13-256-3).

We believe that the public trust responsibilities of DLNR necessitate their ability to limit commercial permits especially if there are environmental or safety concerns.

We respectfully request that the committee pass this measure. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support.