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HA'ULE KA LEWA, HA'ULE KA LANI, HO'ALE KA LEPO POPOLO

To: Honorable Senate Committee Members

From: The 'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i
State of Hawai'i Aha Moku

Date: February 8, 2015

Subject: **SB 886: OPPOSITION TO A SMALL BOAT HARBOR IN PUKO'O, MOLOKA'I.**

Greetings, Honorable Senators,

The 'Aha Kiole would like to address a concern about the lack of community input and feedback in regard to both the long-range effects and the financial burden that would be placed on Mana'e moku area residents in the planning and construction of a small boat harbor in Puko'o Moloka'i.

Our island is rural and communal in nature, and as such, our residents are aware of the need for respect to be paid to all area residents that stand to be affected by the decisions and choices of one another. Moloka'i is careful when it comes to change on our island, and with any proposed change, there is an expectation for a community consultation process, not only to inform area residents, but to avoid strong reactions.

Among the claims noted in the bill is the assertion that residents "must travel to Kaunakakai Harbor". The 'Aha Kiole is hearing from area fishermen that that is not the case, and that most launch from shore areas adjacent to the reef.

Very concerning and troubling to the community as well is the fear of having their real property taxes raised to fund the General Obligation Bond. The claim in the bill suggests that residents are already economically troubled to the point of needing to fish to "supplement their diet". An additional financial obligation for residents is causing fear.

The 'Aha Kiole would like to ask that **all** residents of the 'Ahupua'a of Puko'o, as well as the Moku of Mana'e be given more information and an opportunity for community consultation regarding this project before it is commenced.

We strongly urge you to defer this measure to give the community of Puko'o more time to participate in this decision that will affect their area.

Me ka 'o ia 'i'o,
The 'Aha Kiole o Moloka'i

Kamalu Poepoe- Po'o, Moloka'i

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Comments: The community hasn't been consulted at all on this matter. I am opposed to SB886 moving forward.

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