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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017
9:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 52
RELATING TO LAHAINA SMALL BOAT HARBOR**

House Bill 52 proposes to authorize the issuance of \$3,300,000 in general obligation bonds and appropriates funds for the construction of a new ferry pier at Lahaina small boat harbor. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this bill provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

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



OCEAN TOURISM COALITION

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NOTICE OF HEARING

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TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION

SPEAKING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 52

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Kong and Members of WAL:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC). 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. We are speaking with Strong Support for HB 52.

This vital project has been in process for many years and has strong community support. Lahaina Harbor may be the busiest harbor in the State and really needs the additional loading dock space to function.

Please pass this worthy and important funding measure.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President