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Testimony of
MICHAEL K. NĀHO`OPTI
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Before the House Committee on

WATER & LAND
and
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, February 6, 2018
9:15 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 312

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2098
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS

House Bill 2098 authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to transfer to the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission the Board's duties to operate, administer, manage and maintain the Kīhei Small Boat Harbor and authorizes the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission to undertake those duties. The Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission (KIRC) supports the intent of this measure as a potential revenue source to help fund the restoration of the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve but is still investigating the ramifications of undertaking this endeavor.

In 2002, Governor Linda Lingle signed Executive Order No. 3963, which set aside 8.261-acres adjacent to the Kīhei Small Boat Harbor for the KIRC to develop an Education/Administration/Visitor center, boathouse/storage facility and native Hawaiian plant nursery. Last year Act 49, SLH 2017, KIRC was authorized \$500,000 for plans and designs for this center. Additionally, the KIRC submitted, at the request of the legislature, a "KIRC Financial Self-Sufficiency and Sustainability Plan" which states that a critical factor for KIRC's long-term financial success is to "build the KIRC's Kaho`olawe Education & Operations Center at Kīhei, Maui as the key infrastructure/facility to generate sustaining funding for the island's long-term restoration and establishing a permanent, public gateway to Kaho`olawe".

As the KIRC depends on the Kīhei Small Boat Harbor as its primary launch point for vessels traveling to Kaho`olawe and manages the adjacent property, the KIRC has a vested interest in ensuring the Kīhei Small Boat Harbor is well maintained and managed. The KIRC has only recently entertained the possibility of developing a cooperative management opportunity with the

Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation as a possible means of integrating the small boat harbor into the future development of the KIRC's neighboring facilities. We are still investigating the possible risk and benefits of this endeavor as well as determining the possible revenue streams that could support this action and any possible consequences.

The KIRC currently does not yet have the revenue streams to fully execute its initial mandate in HRS 6K, to manage and restore the Kaho`olawe Island Reserve. This opportunity could be a significant benefit to the KIRC, but we are also seeking assurances that it will not become an undue burden for an agency perpetually needing to advocate for continuing funding.

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/2/2018 6:18:40 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lopaka White	Kaho`olawe Island Reserve Commission	Support	No

Comments:

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 7:00:30 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Brad Varney	B&B SCUBA INC.	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 2:31:19 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Blesi Varney	B&B Scuba, Inc.	Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/3/2018 9:38:40 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Stan Arakawa Jr		Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 8:04:09 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Shane Mills		Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/4/2018 10:01:08 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Matt Henderson		Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 12:07:26 AM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kristina Varney		Oppose	No

Comments:

HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 3:27:59 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Andrew mcomb		Oppose	No

Comments:

I believe this bill should be thought out and discussed a little more before understanding the effects it could potentially have on the south maui community and users of the kihei boat ramp. There has been no proof that KIRC can handle the management, maintenance and repairs necessary at the kihei boat ramp. If the purpose of this bill is to help fund KIRC, I do not understand how this will be accomplished as that language is found nowhere inside the bill.

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HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 3:50:39 PM
Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Seth Waller		Oppose	No

Comments:

I do not believe it to be in the best interest of the community that uses the Kihei Boat Ramp to transfer operations to an organization that many people have no idea who they are or what their personal motivations may be. This bill came up so quickly, further information and due diligence should be done to ensure the Kihei Boat Ramp will remain an active resource for residents and visitors alike. Thank you for not making any hasty decisions regarding this bill.

Testimony of Riley Eldon Coon *in strong opposition* to H.B. 2098, Relating to Small Boat Harbors

Tuesday, February 06, 2018

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Aloha. My name is Riley Eldon Coon and I am the Director of Operations at Trilogy Excursions on Maui. I am proud to be kānaka maoli and I support the restoration of Kaho‘olawe. However, I believe that the burden of restoring the island for future generations is a burden that must be shared by all the people of the Hawai‘i and not just by the users of Kihei small boat harbor. Maui may be closer, but the people of Oahu and the other islands share the same responsibility of stewardship.

I support more funds being allocated to restore Kaho‘olawe (e.g. H.B.2594), but these funds should come from throughout the State, not just from wherever is closer. I humbly ask that H.B.2098 not be passed and that the restoration of Kaho‘olawe remain a shared cost for all kama‘aina.

Mahalo.

Riley Eldon Coon
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HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 5:08:12 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeff Strahn	Maui Dive Shop	Oppose	No

Comments:

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HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 9:03:52 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
James E. Coon	Ocean Tourism Coalition	Oppose	No

Comments:

WAL Chair Yamane, Vice Chair Todd, Members of the WAL Committee

OMH Chair Ing, Vice Chair DeCoite, Members of the OMH Committee

Ocean Tourism Coaliton Speaking in Strong Opposition to HB 2098

While we support the intent to fund Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission we do not support taking Small Boating Facilities from the DLNR/DOBOR. It is the responsibility of the entire State of Hawaii to fund KIRK and should not be done by parcing out part of the State Boating Facilities to do this.

Please do Not Pass HB2098.

Sincerely,

Ocean Tourism Coalition

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HB-2098

Submitted on: 2/5/2018 10:50:58 PM

Testimony for WAL on 2/6/2018 9:15:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Don Burns	Sea fire charter	Oppose	No

Comments:

This bill should not pass for it is not in the interest of the boaters both private and comercial users. Kirk is only trying to make money for there use. Please do not pass this bill.