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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 400
RELATING TO MAALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR

House Bill 400 proposes to correct an error in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016 to clarify that the capital improvement program project for Maalaea Small Boat Harbor on Maui was for plans, design, and construction for pier improvements, rather than dredging. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure.**

The Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016, Act 124, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, appropriated the capital improvement project at the Maalaea Small Boat Harbor but inadvertently made reference to dredging rather than the intended pier improvement project.

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

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OCEAN TOURISM COALITION

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TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION

SPEAKING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF HB 400

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 SB 284. This bill corrects an error in the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2016 and clarifies that the CIP project for Maalaea Small Boat Harbor was for plans, design and construction for pier improvements, rather than dredging.

It is very important to correct this error, because the piers that will be replaced are in disrepair and are a liability to both the boat operators and the State.

Please pass this worthy and important housekeeping measure.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President