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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, February 3, 2017  
2:45 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 224**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 289  
RELATING TO LAHAINA SMALL BOAT HARBOR**

Senate Bill 289 authorizes 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.**



COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Karl Rhoads, Chair  
Senator Mike Gabbard, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, February 3, 2017  
TIME: 2:45 p.m.  
PLACE: Conference Room 224

**TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION SPEAKING  
IN STRONG SUPPORT OF SB 289**

Chair Senator Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the Committee on Water and Land:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition **speaking in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 289.** 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. Most of these businesses operate from State Boating Facilities of which the Lahaina Small Boat Harbor is one.

This project has been in process for many years. It has strong community support and much thought has gone into the design and engineering of this much needed facility. Lahaina Harbor is one of the busiest harbors in the State. The cruise ship industry and the interisland ferry require additional loading dock space to operate efficiently.

Please authorize this very important project. It is not just the ferry that will benefit but Maui and neighbor island residents, visitors, cruise ships and the business community of West Maui needs this facility.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James E. Coon". The signature is stylized, with a large, rounded initial "J" and a distinct "E" and "C".

James E. Coon, President

Ocean Tourism Coalition