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## H.C.R. 60 / H.R. 61 REQUESTING THE HARBORS DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A HAWAII COMMERCIAL HARBORS AUTHORITY.

## House Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation, Harbors Division **supports** H.C.R. 60 and H.R. 61 which requests convening a task force to conduct a feasibility study of a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority.

Harbors Division further supports the composition of the task force to include other State agencies, the Hawaii Harbors Users Group, and relevant unions.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

# Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park On Behalf of Matson Support of HCR60/HR61 Before the Committee on Transportation March 22, 2019

Dear Chair Aquino, Vice Chair Hashimoto, and Members,

Matson <u>strongly supports</u> HCR60/HR61, which requests the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to convene a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority. Matson is the largest user of the state harbor system and the largest contributor to the operating budget of the State's harbors. A Commercial Harbors Authority will allow for a more efficient and cost-effective process for much needed harbor renovations. It will also create a platform for integrated planning that will greatly benefit the State of Hawaii.

The current governance model is not conducive to maximizing efficiency for the current harbor system. The responsibility of development, management, and operation of the State's commercial harbor system are distributed among several state agencies. Delays to the capital program, deferral of maintenance and modernization resulting from complex State approval requirements and decision-making processes are limiting capacity to accommodate demand. An independent authority would allow for quicker decision-making and a streamlined process for budgeting and procurement.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony in strong support.

The Thirtieth Legislature Regular Session of 2019

THE HOUSE Committee on Transportation Representative Henry J.C. Aquino, Chair Representative Troy N. Hashimoto, Vice Chair State Capitol, Conference Room 423 Friday, March 22, 2019; 10:00 a.m.

## STATEMENT OF THE ILWU LOCAL 142 ON H.C.R. 60/H.R. 61

The ILWU Local 142 <u>supports</u> H.C.R. 60/H.R. 61, which requests the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation to convene a task force to study the feasibility of establishing a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority.

The ILWU Local 142 has serious concerns over the establishment of a Hawaii Commercial Harbors Authority. That said, we support the effort to convene a working group to ensure all stakeholders such as the ILWU Local 142 have a voice over any potential decisions regarding the possible formation of a Harbor Authority.

The ILWU Local 142 recommends the passage of H.C.R. 60/H.R. 61. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

## HAWAII GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION

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Testimony by Hawaii Government Employees Association

March 22, 2019

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The Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO at this time takes no position on the creation of a Harbors Authority, but appreciates the opportunity to formally have a seat at the table to study and determine the feasibility and appropriateness of creating an Authority.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on H.C.R. 60 and H.R. 61.

espectfully submitted,

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