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Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Luana Jones	Testifying for Representing Fishermen, Tour Boats, Families, and Puna Community	Support	No

Comments:

In the past, Pohoiki was the second largest income-producing boat ramp in the State. At present there is NO safe ocean access along the whole Puna coastline measuring over 60 miles! Puna Fishing boats, tour boats, and people need safe ocean access to resume their livelihood, to provide for our families and community, ocean recreation and contribute to commerce in Hawaii. Please pass this bill to help the process of restoring commercial Fishing, Tourism & Recreation for the families, visitors, and communities of Puna makai. Maha-loʻiāŌŪŌ°



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Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mine Teague	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This boat ramp is an absolute need for Puna residents. The only other option is to haul our boats all the way to Hilo. With the horrendous traffic conditions at peak hours already in effect; it is not feasible to haul..

Mine Teague, USCG Capt. since 1976, Oahu.

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Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Steve Hirakami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

The Pohoiki boat ramp served as an important ocean access resource for boaters and recreation. The bay now is filled with black sand from the recent eruption. A feasibility study is needed to answer the question: Is it feasible or impossible to dredge the zillions of cubic yards of sand to open up the existing ramp? If not, then where on the coast would be a suitable place for a ramp? Kalapana has State highway access, potable water, electricity, and a community that could use the economic upstart a ramp could bring.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
wailani gonsalves	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

The district of Puna is a large portion of our island that has a great dependence on the fishing industry. Hilo is too far for our fishermen to travel with their boats. We need to restore a boat ramp in Puna as soon as possible.

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR OF
HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS**

**Tuesday, February 19, 2019
9:30 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 472, SENATE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PUNA**

Senate Bill 472, Senate Draft 1 proposes to make an appropriation for a feasibility and cost study relating to the construction of a new boat ramp and pier in Puna. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources supports this measure provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

SUZANNE D. CASE
CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
kanoa	Testifying for moku nui lava tours llc	Support	No

Comments:

Moku Nui Lava Tours supports any kind of boat ramp ASAP to resume our business and livelihood which generates a lot of revenues and provides jobs in Puna. Please support this bill and expedite the process because the people of Puna are hurting. Mahalo!

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:52:21 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Michelle Carrillo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please appropriate funding for the the Puna Boatramp. Our community has suffered greatly with the loss of the boatramp. Our community relies on the fishermen/women being able to access the water within our community. Thank you for your commitment to the People of Puna, as you pass this measure forward.

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Submitted on: 2/18/2019 8:21:42 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Leila Kealoha	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, my name is Leila Kealoha and I am a third generation fisherman out of Pohoiki harbor. I am asking the committee of Ways and Means to allocate the funding needed to do the feasibility study for a new boat ramp. It is Imperative that we have a place to continue our cultural practices as lawai'a (fisherman). For many generations our people have fished out of this harbor. We are no longer able to continue are subsistence living as there is no harbor available for us to practice our gathering rights. I kindly ask that you support SB472 so that we may move forward in creating a new place for us to launch our boats and provide food for our families. Thank you for your time and consideration in supporting our local fisherman of this area.

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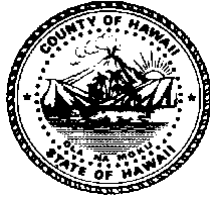
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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jeffrey Hunt	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please dredge Pohoiki for all of us surfers and fishermen. Make Pohoiki great again.

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February 17, 2019

Senate Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Chair
Senator Gilbert Keith-Agaran, Vice-Chair

RE: Support for SB472, SD1 relating to Puna Boat Ramp

Aloha, Senators:

As Chair of the Committee on Planning, and Chair of the Committee on Government Relations and Economic Development for the County of Hawai'i, I write in strong support of SB472, SD1.

Puna's only boat ramp at Pohoiki played a driving role in the local economy and in providing a significant amount of the island's locally caught fish.

It is critically important that Puna's fishing community has a ramp to launch boats and canoes, sooner rather than later, to maintain the lawaia unique to the area and to revitalize economy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of this measure. Please contact me should you have questions.

Mahalo nui loa,

Ashley Lehualani Kierkiewicz
Hawai'i County Council, District 4

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 7:37:54 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Selah levine	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Puna needs a boat ramp!

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 7:06:12 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kirstin Kahaloa	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 5:42:15 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Nancy Seifers	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha...please approve Bill SB 432 for the 1 M\$ study of Pohoiki boat ramp. our livelihood in Puna is critical to our fishermen getting back to work and supplying the island with the best catch in the islands! mahalo

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 4:59:32 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
EDITH HALL	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Please, we need a boat ramp in Puna.

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 4:21:20 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amedeo Markoff	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Puna needs a boat ramp to help the economy. The pohoiki ramp is so important. Please don't deny us this!

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Submitted on: 2/16/2019 3:26:39 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
M. Eileen O'Hara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Esteemed Chair, Senator Dela Cruz, and WAM Committee Members

As the former Hawaii County Council Member for District 4 (Lower Puna), I humbly ask that you please pass this important measure to restore a boat ramp to the District of Puna. Prior to the 2018 lava event, the 3 main drivers of Lower Puna's economy were fishery, agriculture, and short term vacation rentals/B&Bs. We lost much of all three! The Puna trench is one of the richest fishing grounds in the State and Pohoiki boat ramp previously supported the third largest commercial catch in the State. It takes 2.5 hours to reach Pohoiki by boat from the Hilo harbor and the strain on local fishers is reducing total catch and locally available food. Please act now to restore this important element of our local economy.

Mahalo,

Eileen O'Hara, Ph.D

Resource Economist

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 3:48:37 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Debra Smith	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha,

Puna needs a boat ramp. Access to the water is essential for so many peoples livelihoods. I lost my home in Kapoho Vacationland Farmlots, but we need to restore lower Puna as much as possible. A boat ramp is vital to all. It is a huge economic factor for us.

Thank you,

Debra Smith

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Submitted on: 2/17/2019 10:54:16 AM

Testimony for WAM on 2/19/2019 9:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Lono Lyman	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Alternative sites should also be considered. An alternative on State owned land is North of Kumukahi lighthouse on a portion of the 1960 eruption acreated lands.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Jennifer V Perry	Testifying for Volcano Isle Fruit Co	Support	No

Comments:

Senate Ways and Means Committee Members,

A boat ramp in Puna is much needed to provide safe access to the ocean for commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen, tour boats, paddlers, surfers, and swimmers. People with disabilities such as our veterans could be transported from their wheelchairs straight into the water, giving them an opportunity to exercise in the boyant ocean water and easing the hardship on their caregivers. Families and friends will gather to picnic, relax, and watch the boats as they come out with their catch.

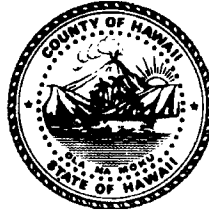
A boat ramp would also provide an opportunity for research and educational activities to study the changes in the shoreline areas that were affected by the recent lava flow.

Please give this bill your support.

Mahalo,

Jennifer Perry, Kapoho

Harry Kim
Mayor



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February 19, 2019

Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Ways and Means

Dear Chair Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Gilbert S.C. Keith -Agaran and Committee Members:

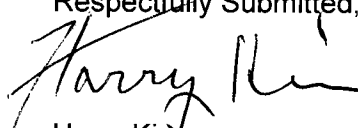
RE: SB 472, SD1, Relating to Puna (Boat Ramp)

Thank you for this opportunity to provide supportive comments on SB 472, SD1. This bill would provide funding to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a feasibility and cost study as a necessary first step toward the development of a new boat ramp as a replacement for the Pohoiki Boat Ramp in lower Puna.

Prior to the extensive sand deposits laid down during the recent Kilauea eruption, the Pohoiki Boat Ramp played a critical public role in affording ocean access for commercial and recreational fishing and sightseeing boats. Today, access is completely blocked and the feasibility of dredging the sand to restore the boat ramp appears to be diminishing, as currents and waves are depositing an additional 10 yards of sand per week with projections that by the end of the year there may be no surf conditions at the site.

Commercial fishers are now forced to utilize a boat ramp in Hilo, which is approximately 33 miles, and an hour-long drive, from Pohoiki, thus increasing the time and cost for each trip and adding to the economic losses experienced. These hardworking residents are eager to have the State restore access to waters along the Puna district's prolific and valued fishing grounds.

Your support of SB472, SD1, with an early effective date, would be sincerely appreciated. Even better would be funding the study in the Budget.

Respectfully Submitted,

Harry Kim
MAYOR