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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

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

**Friday, February 1, 2019
1:15 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 4229**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 906
RELATING TO WAILOA SMALL BOAT HARBOR**

Senate Bill 906 proposes to appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to make improvements at Wailoa Small Boat Harbor. **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.

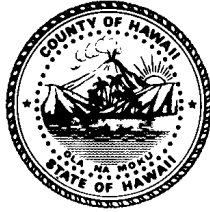
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Senator Kaiali'i Kahele, Chair
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Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair
Committee on Water and Land
Hawai'i State Capitol
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Dear Chair Kahele, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran, and Committee Members:

Re: SB 906 Relating to Wailoa Small Boat Harbor
Hearing Date: February 1, 2019 – 1:15 PM; Senate Conference Room 229

Thank you for taking the initiative in proposing funding to make improvements at Wailoa Small Boat Harbor. This is clearly a State rather than a County facility, but as Mayor, I can assure you that improvements are warranted and would be much appreciated by the community.

I urge favorable action on SB 906, at whatever funding level you deem appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry Kim
Mayor, County of Hawai'i

SB-906

Submitted on: 1/29/2019 10:41:27 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/1/2019 1:15:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Antoinette M Davis	Testifying for Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

We support all funding provided to improve our harbor facilities.

Mahalo,



**Department of Land and Natural Resources
Aha Moku Advisory Committee
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Testimony of
Aha Moku Advisory Committee

Before the Senate Committee on Water and Land

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In **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 906
Relating to Wailoa Small Boat Harbor

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Senate Bill 906 makes an appropriation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources for the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) to make improvements at Wailoa Small Boat Harbor. **The Aha Moku Advisory Committee (AMAC) supports this measure.**

The Wailoa Small Boat Harbor, in Hilo, on Moku O Keawe has long been the place where most local fishermen operate, bring their fish to sell, get together to bring each other up to date on ocean conditions and generally meet with community and visitors who would like to hear about the different kinds of fish that are best for eating. In short, the Wailoa Small Boat Harbor is a hub of community interaction. However, Wailoa harbor is also a place that has always been used by the Native Hawaiian community. There are many mo'olelo, or stories tied to that area. Canoe paddlers still come into the Wailoa harbor from the ocean channel to practice in the adjoining Wailoa River. There are 50 moorings in the harbor with 2 boat ramps. The ramp most further inside the harbor is used by the smaller boats; the outer ramp is most used by larger boats.

Because the Wailoa Small Boat Harbor is so consistently used by the Hilo community, and others, it is in desperate need of maintenance and repair. To ensure the buildings are safe, the existing infrastructure must be restored. The facility is run down and endangers the safety of those who use the site. Some of the more dangerous sites were removed, with concrete left exposed but much more needs to be done.

The fishermen and community members of Hilo want, and need the Wailoa Small Boat Harbor. But they need it to be safe. Since the restoration of the Aha Moku Process by the Legislature in 2012, via Act 288, §171.4-5, the AMAC has successfully strived to bring the voices of the communities and 'ohana of ahupua'a districts forward to work with Hawai'i government in addressing and sustaining the natural and cultural resources of our Pae'Aina. We are attached to DLNR, and through this venue, our people have been able to collaborate with government to address critical issues that are important to the people. A critical issue for the people of Hilo is that the Wailoa Small Boat Harbor is restored to the level of comfort and safety where the people do not have to worry about their wellbeing while using the amenities of this small public harbor which is open to all.

On behalf of the Moku of Hilo, Mokupuni O Keawe, we humbly ask that Senate Bill 906 be passed by the Senate Committee on Water and Land.

Respectfully yours,

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