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VIA E-MAIL [REPJOHANSON@CAPITOL.HAWAII.GOV]

Representative Aaron Ling Johanson  
Chair, Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce  
Hawaii State Legislature  
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 436  
415 South Beretania Street  
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: HCR No. 49 HD 1 - AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A LEASE COVERING STATE SUBMERGED LANDS AT PIER 27, IN HONOLULU HARBOR, OAHU, TO ATLANTIS SUBMARINES HAWAII, LLC

Dear Representative Johanson:

Thank you for allowing me to testify on House Concurrent Resolution No. 49 H.C. 1 - Authorizing the Issuance of a Lease Covering State Submerged Lands at Pier 27, in Honolulu Harbor, Oahu, to Atlantis Submarines Hawaii, LLC.

I am the President/CEO of Atlantis Submarines Hawaii, LLC ("Atlantis"), which conducts a part of its tour and cruise vessel operations out of Honolulu Harbor. This includes a submarine used for underwater tours, the vessel Majestic, used for dinner cruises, and numerous other support vessels. Atlantis previously leased Pier 41 at the Honolulu Harbor from the State of Hawaii, Department of Transportation, Harbors Division ("State") as a base for our repair and maintenance facility.

As part of the Honolulu Harbor Master Plan for the Kapalama Container Terminal, the State planned a new overseas container terminal in Honolulu Harbor that included Pier 41. As such, the State required that Atlantis relocate its repair and maintenance facility to Pier 27. This relocation is discussed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement, Kapalama Container Terminal and Tenant Relocations, (August 2014). See map of project from Figure 1-1 of this EIS, attached hereto.

Atlantis is negotiating a new lease for Pier 27 with the State, which includes the "fast lands" on which Atlantis has constructed its new facilities and will also include state submerged lands fronting the property bound by Pier 27, identified as tax map key 1-5-38-78 (por.). These submerged lands have an area of approximately 26,876 square feet.

Pursuant to Section 171-53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, this disposition of state submerged lands requires the prior approval of the Governor and prior authorization of the Legislature by Concurrent Resolution. The lease of the fast lands and submerged lands at Pier 27 will also require the prior approval of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

Thus, we are asking that House Concurrent Resolution No. 49 H.D. 1 be approved.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this Resolution. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Williams", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald Williams



Figure 1-1. Honolulu Harbor, O'ahu