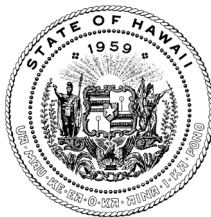


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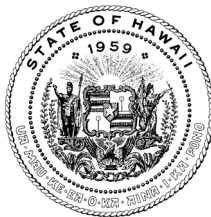
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Douglas Meller, Legislative Committee, League of Women Voters of Hawaii

Chair Tarnas and Committee Members:

The League recommends amending HB1654 to prohibit the DLNR from assessing larger parking charges or larger parking permit fees only applicable to one small boat harbor. Otherwise, if HB1654 is enacted, the DLNR will have statutory authorization to arbitrarily increase parking charges and/or parking permit fees at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and a fiscal incentive to use the additional revenues to subsidize other small boat harbors.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.