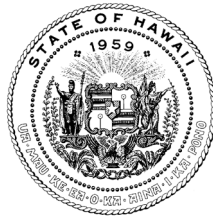


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**Testimony of**  
**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
**Chairperson**

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

**Tuesday, February 15, 2022**  
**10:30 AM**

**State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 211**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE BILL 3130, SENATE DRAFT 1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSFERABILITY OF MOORING PERMITS**

Senate Bill 3130, Senate Draft 1 proposes to allow mooring permittees within state small boat harbors to transfer their permit under certain terms and conditions. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration measure.**

Under existing law, no regular mooring permit issued by the Department for state small boat harbors and offshore mooring areas is transferrable unless the permittee also possesses a valid commercial use permit and transfers the mooring permit as part of the sale of a company. If no mooring permits are currently available, applicants are placed on a waitlist and are offered a mooring permit in the order in which they applied. As a result, applicants often end up waiting many years for a mooring permit to become available, which leads to potential vessel buyers having no place to moor their vessels while they wait for their turn on the waitlist.

As to vessel owners currently holding a mooring permit, either of two undesirable situations often result: (1) vessels cannot be sold and become old, derelict, and unused on the mooring; or (2) vessel owners bypass the mooring permit waitlist process and sell their vessels on the mooring in "under-the-table" transactions off-record, often at a price exceeding the value of the vessel by a considerable amount due to the value of the mooring. Both of these situations are unfair to those on the waitlist and the public.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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**SB-3130-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/12/2022 1:20:19 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/15/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Robert Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3130 and ask that it become effective immediately upon passage.

Aloha,

As I testified previously, my wife and I have been boat owners at the Ala Wai Harbor for several years and have owned our current boat for over 25 years.

We are retired, and although still active, must eventually face the prospect of selling our boat.

We have watched with dismay the difficulty other boaters have in selling their vessels. It appears the current harbor policy that does not allow a boat buyer to keep the slip on even a temporary basis and forces them to join a very long waiting list that never seems to clear makes it much harder to sell a boat in Hawaii than it should be.

We believe the Legislature should pass SB3130 making it effective upon passage which will give boaters a fair chance to sell their vessels.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-3130-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/12/2022 1:23:05 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/15/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Renee Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3130 and ask that it become effective immediately upon passage.

Aloha,

As I testified previously, my husband and I have been boat owners at the Ala Wai Harbor for several years and have owned our current boat for over 25 years.

We are retired, and although still active, must eventually face the prospect of selling our boat.

We have watched with dismay the difficulty other boaters have in selling their vessels. It appears the current harbor policy that does not allow a boat buyer to keep the slip on even a temporary basis and forces them to join a very long waiting list that never seems to clear makes it much harder to sell a boat in Hawaii than it should be.

We believe the Legislature should pass SB3130 making it effective upon passage which will give boaters a fair chance to sell their vessels.

Mahalo for your consideration.

**SB-3130-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/13/2022 7:52:36 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/15/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Joanne Valerie Weldon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Aloha, I strongly support SB3130/SD1

I have been an Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor resident for over 20 years. I have seen an increase in the number of abandoned boats because potential buyers cannot find an available slip in a timely manner.

The abandoned boats then become impounded and property of the state to dispose of in some way. This increases the financial cost to the state. These boats also become targets for trespassers who pose a risk to other residents.

I strongly support the passing of this bill to be effective as of approval.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony for this bill.

Joanne Weldon

**LATE**

**SB-3130-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2022 12:50:42 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/15/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Gordon Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Chair and members: I am Gordon Wood and I am in strong support of this bill, with a comment. I note that SD1 sets a long effective date, to encourage discussion. The concept of allowing a mooring permit assigned to a recreational vessel to be transferred upon sale of the vessel is one that has seen significant stakeholder discussion over many years, and has finally been brought forward for legislative consideration. Therefore, I ask that the bill be amended to provide that it will become effective upon its approval.

Mahalo for providing this opportunity to testify.

**LATE**

**SB-3130-SD-1**

Submitted on: 2/14/2022 1:10:27 PM

Testimony for WAM on 2/15/2022 10:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Remote Testimony Requested</b>
Patricia Kesling-Wood	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in strong support of this bill and ask that it be amended to become effective upon its approval as it will support the boating recreation community here in Hawaii and contribute revenue to the state.