

SB-3130

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Testimony for WTL on 2/7/2022 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Bob Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3130

Aloha,

As a longtime member of the Ala Wai Harbor Citizens Patrol and a more recent member of the Ala Wai Harbor Working Group, I have watched numerous boats become unused and eventually for some, abandoned. I believe this is caused by 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 an indeterminably long waiting list that never seems to clear even though there appear to be many empty slips available.

At the very least, allowing qualified buyers to keep a slip when purchasing a boat would bring new enthusiasm to the local boating community and might even prevent some vessel abandonments that usually prove very costly to the harbor management.

I believe the Legislature should pass SB3130 and should also encourage harbor management to make the small amount of effort necessary to clear the waiting list and maximize revenues for the harbors.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Robert Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB3130

Aloha,

My wife and I have been boat owners at the Ala Wai Harbor for several years and 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 and give boaters a fair chance to sell their vessels.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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Renee Miller	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Remote Testimony Requested
Gordon Wood	Individual	Support	Yes

Comments:

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice
Chair

DATE: Monday, February 7, 2022

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

PLACE: Conference Room 229 &
Videoconference

Witten Testimony of Gordon S. Wood

Regarding: SB 3130 RELATING TO TRANSFERABILITY OF MOORING PERMITS.

Chair Inouye and members of the committees on Water and Land and Ways and Means, I appreciate this opportunity to provide written testimony on SB 3130. As a life-long boater in this island state, I am in strong SUPPORT of this bill and offer the following comments.

One of the challenges in selling a recreational vessel in Hawaii has long been the limited availability of mooring opportunities in the small boat harbors, and the inability of a purchaser of vessel moored in a State small boat harbor to assume the permit allowing that vessel to be moored there: the purchaser must find another mooring for the vessel. These conditions have resulted in two conditions: vessels being abandoned by owners who have been unable to sell their vessels due to potential purchasers being unable to secure new moorings; and the creation of a gray market for slips and moorings.

Allowing Regular Mooring Permits in the State's small boat harbors to be transferred upon the sale of the vessel assigned to the permitted mooring space will have four positive effects: reduction in the number of abandoned and derelict vessels in our harbors; reduction in the amount of Boating Special Fund expenditures for the removal of derelict vessels; reducing the attraction of gray market transactions; and increasing the revenues of the small boat harbors.

The bill provides for payment of a flat-rate transfer fee of \$150, without regard to the size of the vessel or its mooring space. I ask that you consider transfer fees based on the following schedule, or a similar schedule developed in conference with DLNR's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation:

- Ten dollars (\$10.00) per lineal foot of the slip being transferred for vessels moored in slips with catwalks;
- Ten dollars (\$10.00) per lineal foot of the moored vessel's measured Length Overall for monohull vessels moored in slips without catwalks, on mooring balls, or on other State-maintained moorings including but not limited to "Tahiti ties;"
- Twenty dollars (\$20.00) per lineal foot of the moored vessel's measured Length Overall for multihull vessels (catamarans) moored in slips without catwalks and side ties, on mooring balls, or on other State-maintained moorings including but not limited to "Tahiti ties."

This schedule will establish transfer fees calculated in a method similar to that used to calculate mooring fees now charged to Regular Mooring Permit holders, and will further increase the revenues of the small boat harbors.

Thank you for providing this opportunity to testify on this important and eagerly awaited measure.

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Joanne Valerie Weldon	Individual	Support	No

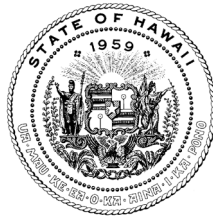
Comments:

To Chair Inouye and members of the committees on Water and Land and Ways and Means: I strongly support Sb3130. I am a Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor resident for several years and have seen an increase in the number of abandoned boats because potential buyers cannot find an available slip. The abandoned boat then becomes impounded and property of the state to dispose of. This increases financial cost to the state; and those boats becoming targets for trespassers who pose a risk to other residents.

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

Joanne Weldon

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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Monday, February 7, 2022
1:00 PM

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 3130
RELATING TO TRANSFERABILITY OF MOORING PERMITS

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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.

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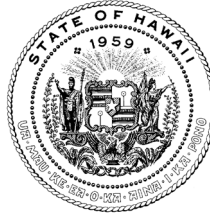
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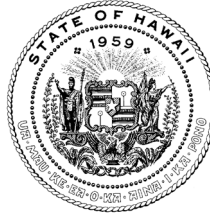
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