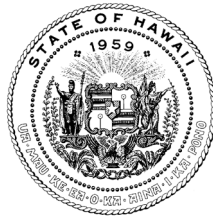


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**Testimony of**  
**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on**  
**WATER & LAND**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022**  
**8:30 A.M.**

**State Capitol, Conference Room 430, Via Videoconference**

**In consideration of**  
**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 176**  
**SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES'**  
**DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION'S EFFORTS TO EXECUTE ITS**  
**IMPROVEMENT MASTERPLAN FOR THE HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR.**

Senate Concurrent Resolution 176 supports the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) in its efforts to execute its master plan for the Honokōhau Small Boat Harbor. **The Department supports this measure.**

DOBOR formed the Honokōhau Small Boat Harbor Working Group (Working Group), comprised of harbor users, recreational users, commercial users, the Governor's Hawai'i Island Liaison, area Legislators, and representatives of DOBOR. The Working Group's first meeting was held in August 2018, and the Working Group has since been discussing a wide variety of topics ranging from harbor development opportunities to harbor management.

DOBOR has been pursuing a pilot program for a public-private partnership management model at one state small boat harbor, and Honokōhau Small Boat Harbor would be an ideal candidate for such a pilot.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

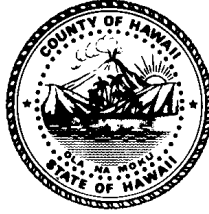
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April 12, 2022

Committee on Water & Land	Committee on Corrections, Military & Veterans
Representative David A. Tarnas, Chair	Representative Takashi Ohno, Chair
Rep. Patrick Pihana Branco, Vice Chair	Representative Sonny Ganaden, Vice Chair

Re: **Support** for SCR176 SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION'S EFFORTS TO EXECUTE ITS IMPROVEMENT MASTERPLAN FOR THE HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR.  
Videoconference Hearing: April 14, 2022 at 8:30 a.m.

Dear Chairs, Vice Chairs, and Members of the above referenced Committee,

On behalf of myself and constituents of Council District 8 in North Kona, I express our support for the above referenced resolution, and submit a brief testimony as follows:

We support this resolution that supports the ongoing efforts by the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to execute its priorities for Honokōhau Small Boat Harbor as outlined in its improvement masterplan; and in collaboration with the informal Honokōhau Small Boat Harbor Working Group, they are requested to submit a report outlining recommendations regarding steps necessary to execute the improvement masterplan, including proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to convening of the State Legislature's Regular Session of 2023.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting SCR176.

Sincerely,

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DR. HOLEKA GORO INABA, Council Member  
District 8, North Kona

**SCR-176**

Submitted on: 4/13/2022 5:23:19 PM

Testimony for WAL on 4/14/2022 8:30:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
gary sheehan	Wee Guys Fishing Tournament	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

On behalf of the Wee Guys Fishing Tournament and all of our 400-500 participants, I would like to support SCR 176. Honokohau Harbor is a very important to the local fisherman/women of the entire Big Island. Moving forward with basic improvements can only benefit everyone associated with the Harbor. Until now, improvements could best be described as piece meal and not very long term. Again, I am in support of this bill SCR 176

Gary Sheehan

Wee Guys Fishing Tournament 41 Years

**SCR-176**

Submitted on: 4/13/2022 8:20:48 AM

Testimony for WAL on 4/14/2022 8:30:00 AM

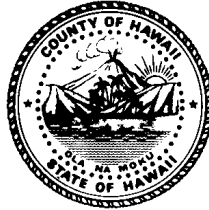
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Mike Dakil	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I'm a long time surer and enjoyer of Honokohau Harbor. For such a world class fishing destination that really put kona on the map, our harbor facilities are outdated, lacking in basic harbor needs and is really an embarrassment. Please do something!

Capt Mike Dakil

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April 13, 2022

### TESTIMONY OF REBECCA VILLEGAS

COUNCIL MEMBER, HAWAI'I COUNTY COUNCIL

ON SCR176, SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES'  
DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION'S EFFORTS TO EXECUTE ITS  
IMPROVEMENT MASTERPLAN FOR THE HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR

Committee on Water and Land

Thursday, April 14, 2022 8:30 a.m.

Aloha Chair Tarnas and Members of the Committee:

I thank you for the opportunity to testify in SUPPORT of SCR176. The Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, under the stewardship of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, has become a significant gathering place for the West Hawai'i community, where local fishermen launch their boats to fish the world-famous Kona Coast and small, local businesses conduct their commercial operations including fishing charters, manta ray dives, glass bottom boat cruises, and snorkel cruises, in addition to many other ventures.

The Honokohau Small Boat Harbor sustains two hundred local businesses, making it the largest single contributor to West Hawai'i's gross domestic product (GDP), generating \$2 million directly to the State annually and over \$100 million to Hawai'i's GDP.

The Honokohau Small Boat Harbor Working Group is an important resource to boat operators, harbor users, and the ocean-going public at large, and has greatly assisted the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to craft its improvement masterplan for the heavily-used resource, with a focus on providing a strong sense of place, supporting the local ocean economy, perpetuating the cultural heritage of the State, protecting the health and vitality of the nearshore ecosystem, preparing for the impacts of climate change.

For the reasons stated above I urge the Committee on Water and Land to SUPPORT this measure. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 323-4267.

Mahalo for your consideration.

Rebecca Villegas  
Council Member, Hawai'i County Council