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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 892, HOUSE DRAFT 2
RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS

House Bill 892, House Draft 2, proposes to appropriate funds out of the Boating Special Fund for three full time positions under the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to provide security at small boat harbors on Maui. **The Department supports this measure provided its passage does not replace or adversely impacts the priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request.**

The Department acknowledges the need for a focused security presence in all small boat harbors across the State, including those on Maui, because these facilities allow the public to access State waters at all hours of the day and night. The Department appreciates the increased security posture at Maui's small boat harbors which the positions proposed in this bill would provide.

The Department notes if the Legislature intends for these positions to be unarmed Security Guards, whose primary focus would be to observe and report violations, these types of positions are described in the Security Officer class of work, beginning at the SR-16 entry level, with a starting salary of \$41,152.00 annually. Should the Legislature intend for these positions to be armed Conservation and Resources Enforcement Officers with full police powers, these positions are described in the Conservation and Resources Enforcement officer class of work, beginning at the SR-16 entry level, with a starting salary of \$53,976.00 annually.

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this measure.