

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1497

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 21 , 2025

RE: S.B. No. 465
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2025
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred S.B.
No. 465, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT
HARBOR,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require and appropriate
funds for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct
a study of the carrying capacity of Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor in
the County of Kauai.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure
from one member of the Kaua'i County Council and one individual.
Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure
from the Chamber of Sustainable Commerce; Explore Kauai Scuba; and
six individuals. Your Committee received comments on this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor is a
critical access point for Kauai's coastal communities, serving
boaters, fishers, and tour operators. However, increasing
activity at the harbor raises concerns about environmental
degradation, overcrowding, safety risks, and infrastructure
strain. A comprehensive carrying capacity study will provide



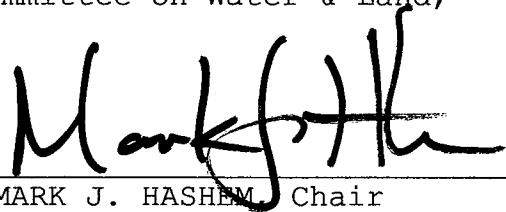
essential data on the harbor's ability to sustain human activity without harming natural and cultural resources. This measure directs the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct the study, assess current management practices, and propose long-term strategies to balance sustainable use with environmental and community needs, ensuring that Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor remains a safe and viable resource for future generations.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Requiring the carrying capacity assessed by the study to include the area surrounding Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor and the capacity effects of any approved improvements to the Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor, including the construction of a second boat launch ramp; and
- (2) Changing the effective date to July 1, 3000, to encourage further discussion.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 465, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 465, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,



MARK J. HASHEM, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: SB 465 SD1		Committee Referral: WAL, FIN		Date: 3/20/25	
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.					
The recommendation is to:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)					
WAL Members		Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. HASHEM, Mark J. (C)		✓			
2. LAMOSAO, Rachele F. (VC)		✓			
3. BELATTI, Della Au		✓			
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda		✓			
5. IWAMOTO, Kim Coco			✓		
6. MORIKAWA, Dee		✓			
7. POEPOE, Mahina		✓			
8. WOODSON, Justin H.					✓
9. SHIMIZU, Garner M.		✓			
10. SOUZA, Kanani		✓			
TOTAL (10)		8	1	0	1
The recommendation is:					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted					
If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)					
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____					
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