



February 25 , 2025

Testimony in Support of SB1402(SD1)

Aloha Chairs, Vice Chairs and Members of the Committees,

On behalf of the Hawaii Longline Association (HLA), this testimony is in support of SB1402(SD1). HLA members include 150 active longline vessels based exclusively out of Honolulu Harbor as well as the United Fishing Agency (Honolulu Fish Auction). We understand that the intent of last year's mooring lines legislation was not to apply to fishing vessels and thus we are appreciative that SB1402(SD1) will remedy the omission of fishing vessels from list of exempted vessel types.

Hawaii longline vessels are considered small vessels with the average size being 72 ft in length and less than 200 gross tons. Hawaii longline vessels are easily maneuverable and typically use 2-3 mooring lines when tying up in port. Collectively the fleet makes over 1,500 fishing (round) trips per year as well as several thousand movements collectively within Honolulu Harbor during normal fish offloading and berthing procedures.

Last year's legislation on this matter exempted several types of vessels much larger than Hawaii longline vessels including those involved in shipyard repairs, construction, and maritime research.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony in support of SB1402(SD1).

Mahalo

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February 27, 2025

TO: HONORABLE KARL RHOADS, CHAIR, HONORABLE MIKE GABBARD, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY. HONORABLE DONOVAN DELA CRUZ, CHAIR, HONORABLE SHARON MORIWAKI, VICE CHAIR, COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

SUBJECT: **SUPPORT OF S.B. 1402 SD1, RELATING TO VESSELS IN STATE COMMERCIAL HARBORS.** Clarifies that the requirements for the securing of mooring lines in state commercial harbors shall not apply to certain vessels.

HEARING

DATE: Thursday, February 27, 2025
TIME: 10:25 a.m.
PLACE: Capitol Room 211

Dear Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard, Chair Dela Cruz, Vice Chair Moriwaki and Members of the Committees,

The General Contractors Association of Hawaii (GCA) is an organization comprised of approximately five hundred (500) general contractors, subcontractors, and construction related firms. The GCA was established in 1932 and is the largest construction association in the State of Hawaii. Our mission is to elevate Hawaii's construction industry and strengthen the foundation of our community.

GCA **SUPPORTS** S.B. 1402 SD1, which clarifies that the requirements for the securing of mooring lines in state commercial harbors shall not apply to certain vessels.

The GCA supports this measure as it corrects an unintended consequence and aligns the law to the capture the original intent of the measure.

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