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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
FINANCE

Friday, March 28, 2025
3:30 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 308

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 465, SENATE DRAFT 1, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR

Senate Bill 465, Senate Draft 1, House Draft 1 proposes to appropriate funds for a carrying capacity study of Kīkīāola Small Boat Harbor on Kaua'i, including the surrounding area, and any improvements. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) acknowledges the intent of this measure and offers the following comments.**

The Legislature appropriated \$4.1 million in Capital Improvement Project funds in the 2022 budget for design, permitting, and construction of a second boat launch ramp at Kīkīāola Small Boat Harbor. The Department is currently awaiting final permitting approval for the new boat launch ramp and anticipates starting construction later this year. The new boat launch ramp is expected to alleviate concerns raised about ramp use by commercial operators and their guests.

The Department acknowledges that House Draft 1 of this measure includes consideration of the surrounding area and any improvements, including the second boat ramp, in the capacity study. However, because the second ramp has not yet been constructed, the Department believes it may be premature to conduct a carrying capacity study before the actual impacts of the completed second boat ramp can be observed and evaluated. The Department believes that assessing the harbor's capacity should occur after the new ramp is operational, allowing for a more accurate evaluation of its impact on harbor usage and congestion. The Department also recognizes that there are concerns about the levels of commercial vessel activity at Kīkīāola Small Boat Harbor and will continue to monitor and enforce for compliance with applicable commercial activity regulations.

If the Committee decides to advance this measure, the Department supports the appropriation in this measure, provided that its passage does not replace or adversely impact priorities indicated in the Executive Budget request, and recommends an appropriation of \$500,000.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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**TESTIMONY OF ADDISON BULOSAN
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON**

SB 465, SD 1, HD 1 RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR

House Committee on Finance

Friday, March 28, 2025

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Conference Room 308

Via Videoconference

Dear Chair Yamashita and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of SB 465, SD 1, HD 1, Relating to the Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor. My testimony is submitted in my individual capacity as a member of the Kaua'i County Council.

I wholeheartedly support the intent of SB 465, SD 1, HD 1, which would greatly affect the Kaua'i community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 465, SD 1, HD 1. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Council Services Staff at (808) 241-4188 or via email to cokcouncil@kauai.gov.

Sincerely,

ADDISON BULOSAN
Councilmember, Kaua'i County Council

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