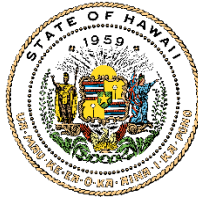


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Testimony of
DAWN N. S. CHANG
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Monday, February 10, 2025
1:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 465
RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR

Senate Bill 465 proposes to appropriate funds for a carrying capacity study of Kīkīāola Small Boat Harbor on Kaua'i. **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 help alleviate concerns raised about ramp use by commercial operators and their guests.

Because the second ramp has not yet been constructed or evaluated, conducting a carrying capacity study at this time may be premature. 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.

However, 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.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

DAWN N.S. CHANG
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February 6, 2025

**TESTIMONY OF ADDISON BULOSAN
COUNCILMEMBER, KAUAI COUNTY COUNCIL
ON
SB 465, RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR
Senate Committee on Water and Land
Monday, February 10, 2025
1:00 p.m.
Conference Room 229
Via Videoconference**

Dear Chair Inouye and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to provide testimony in SUPPORT of SB 465, 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, which would greatly affect the Kaua'i community.

Thank you again for this opportunity to provide testimony in support of SB 465. 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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February 8, 2025

To: Chair Lorraine Inouye, Vice Chair Brandon Elefante and the Senate Committee on Water and Land

Subject: SB465, Relating to The Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor

Aloha,

I am submitting testimony in **support** of SB456 that requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a study of the carrying capacity of the Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor in the Count of Kauai and submit a report to the Legislature. This bill is essential for keeping the Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor a safe viable resource for the community and environment.

First, this study will contribute to efforts protecting the environment. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) 2022 Coastal Water Quality report emphasizes the concerns of water quality in harbors like Kikiaola, where elevated nutrient levels and sedimentation have been linked to the increase in boating activities. A study will help DLNR find environmental pressures from overuse and enforce strategies to protect our coral reef, sea animal populations, and coastal areas.

Second, going through with this study will help ensure the harbor remains as a safe and functional space for boaters, fisherman, and community members who rely on it. The Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor is an access point for Kauai's coastal communities, and understanding its capacity will mitigate overcrowding, reduce safety risks, and avoid damage to infrastructure. The results from the DLNR can guide future development or expansion efforts, making sure that changes meet the needs of the community and environmental protection standards.

I urge you to **support** SB465 to ensure the safety, protection, and sustainability of the Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor. Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Mahalo,
Lea iaea & the Food+ Policy Team
#fixourfoodsystem

The Food+ Policy internship develops student advocates who learn work skills while increasing civic engagement to become emerging leaders. We focus on good food systems policy because we see the importance and potential of the food system in combating climate change and increasing the health, equity, and resiliency of Hawai'i communities.

In 2025, the cohort of interns are undergraduate and graduate students and young professionals working in the food system. They are a mix of traditional and nontraditional students, including parents and veterans, who have backgrounds in education, farming, public health, nutrition, and Hawaiian culture.

SB-465

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:40:48 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
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| Klayton Kubo | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

Strongly Opposed

SB-465

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:09:53 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Kim | Individual | Oppose | Remotely Via Zoom |

Comments:

I oppose this bill.

A plan has already been made and awaits implementation.

a new study is not only counter productive, it's a waste of money.

this is a perfect example of government ineffency on something that has already been done.

LATE

SB-465

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 8:13:41 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Taryn Dizon | Individual | Support | In Person |

Comments:

Taryn Dizon

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Kekaha, HI 96752

February 10, 2025

TO: COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Brandon J.C Elegante, Vice Chair

Aloha Chair Inouye and Vice Chair Elegante, and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

I am writing in strong support of SB 465, which requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to conduct a study on the carrying capacity of Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor in Kekaha, Kauai.

It is alarming that Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor holds approximately 60% of the commercial boat permits for the Island of Kauai. Housing such a large proportion of commercial activities at this small harbor has created constant safety concerns, limited recreational access, and strained resources.

The logistical challenges of hosting 60% of the island's commercial operations are compounded by permit holders frequently changing their vessels to increase their carrying capacity.

Our key concerns are:

- **Safety Risks:** The increased carrying capacity of commercial vessels without proper oversight poses significant safety risks.
- **Environmental Impact:** The increased commercial activity may harm marine ecosystems.

- **Community Impact:** The changes are negatively affecting the local community, particularly recreational fishermen and residents of Kekaha.

Conducting a comprehensive study on the carrying capacity of Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor will ensure sustainable and safe operations, balancing commercial and recreational activities.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

Taryn Dizon

Kekaha, Kaua'i

SB-465

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 6:51:33 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Kelden Yagin | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

I oppose sb465 regarding the Kikiaola small boat harbor.

SB-465

Submitted on: 2/5/2025 8:12:39 PM

Testimony for WTL on 2/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Eric Koch | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha committee members,

I'm writing to you today to express my opposition to this bill. It is my position that the plan expressed in this bill is basically already happening, and it's several years too late. There is already a plan for new ramps being added, docks, and parking for the boats and trailers. Right now this small ramp stay maxxed out, beyond its capacity and it would be wise to just stay with the work already in progress and get it done. No more time for studies and wasting monies that could be used on more meaningful issues in our community.

mahalo for your attention

Eric K.
Waiohinu

SB-465

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 9:16:56 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

LATE

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| Nick Croft | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Nick Croft, and I oppose this bill. It is an unnecessary use of time and resources, as the harbor is already operating efficiently. Additionally, most commercial activity takes place on private property, not within the harbor itself. Since no further permitting is allowed, there is little justification for investing additional time and money into regulating an already limited system.

Mahalo for your time,

Nick Croft

LATE

SB-465

Submitted on: 2/10/2025 11:00:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 2/10/2025 1:00:00 PM

| Submitted By | Organization | Testifier Position | Testify |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|---------------------------|
| jessie croft | Individual | Oppose | Written Testimony Only |

Comments:

Aloha Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is Jessie Croft, and I oppose this bill. The state, along with commercial entities, has made significant strides in managing parking and check-ins offsite for tourists. Additionally, improvements have been made with enhanced rinse-down areas and the addition of new bathrooms. Funding is also allocated for a new ramp and dock. Given these efforts, this bill appears unnecessary and redundant.

Mahalo for your time and consideration,

Jessie Croft