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**Before the House Committees on  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS  
and  
WATER & LAND**

**Friday, March 27, 2015  
10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 213/HOUSE RESOLUTION 148  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY AND COST STUDY RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION  
OF A BOAT RAMP IN PUKO'O, MOLOKAI**

House Concurrent Resolution 213/House Resolution 148 requests that the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) conduct a feasibility and cost study relating to the construction of a boat ramp in Puko'o, Moloka'i. **The Department appreciates the intent of these measures and offers the following comment.**

The Department currently does not have the financial resources to undertake the feasibility and cost study. Were funds to be made available, the Department estimates that the cost of a feasibility and cost study would be between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kelson Poepoe	Hui Malama o Mo'omomi	Oppose	No

Comments: I am opposed to this measure. I would like to recommend that any who introduce these kinds of bills should consult with the 'Aha Kiolo o Moloka'i. They see to it that communities are consulted, and they gather feedback. Mac Poepoe Hui Malama o Mo'omomi

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Anne Marie Owens Jacintho	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Rosemond Pettigrew	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I live approximately one mile east of Pukoo fire station, and I oppose Pukoo as site for a boat ramp or small boat harbor, whatever you want to call it. Pukoo is a fairly populated area and the road is narrow. I have lived on Molokai almost all of my adult life which is 30+ years. According to the bill it says that the boaters on the east end travel to Kaunakakai Harbor to launch there boats. This is not completely true depending on the size of the boat. Most local boaters use other areas on the east end. In my opinion, you should consider Kamalo, not Pukoo. Respectfully Submitted, Rose Pettigrew

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Bobby-John Campbell	Individual	Oppose	No

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Colette Y. Machado  
Testimony in Opposition to HCR 213 and HR 148  
Requesting the Department of Land and Natural Resources conduct a Feasibility and Cost  
Study relating to the construction of a boat ramp in Puko'o

My name is Colette Machado, and I'm a resident of Molokai. I am a native Hawaiian born and raised on Molokai and I have lived at Puko'o on TMK 5-7-007-021-0000 for the past 30 years.

I am strongly opposed to the resolution's purpose and the intent of this measure in its current form, which failed as SB 886 SD1, and it's resurfacing again through a resolution.

I have serious concerns and reservations with this resolution and its narrow focus limiting the feasibility study to Puko'o. Considering Pukoo is inappropriate. I have recommended to Representative Decoite, that she seriously consider amending the title to replace Puko'o with East Molokai for the DLNR feasibility study. This would expand consideration for other sites for a boat ramp.

The people of east end can launch their flat bottom fishing boats anywhere. A boat ramp is for large deep draft boats. A study is needed to look at appropriate boat launch sites that are suitable for large boats such as Kamalo at mile 10 and Pua`ahala at mile 11.5, if Molokai resident want to see another boat ramp on Molokai.

First, Puko'o is inappropriate because Puko'o is a rural community comprised of lifelong residents who value their rural lifestyle and are able to continue cultural and traditional subsistence practices. Large draft boats typically do commercial fishing. A public boat ramp would allow easier access areas for Molokai and Maui commercial fishermen. A boat launch increases the pressure on East Molokai subsistence fisheries. A public boat ramp in East Molokai would lure Maui charter tour boats and snorkeling tours to East Molokai, which further degrade East Molokai fishing grounds and interfere with subsistence fishing. Past practices has shown what can happen with increased access. A flotilla of boats will cross the channel.

Second, there is also an encumbrance, which bans "commercial activities", County of Maui, ordinance #13.22.030 public right of ways at Puko'o.

Third, the proposed location at Puko'o abuts the State of Hawaii owned Fishpond, identified as Site #202, Panahaha (broken wall). Panahaha had an area of 13.8 acre. There was one makaha in its 1600-ft. wall. In 1901 the wall was broken. Only portions of the foundation of the wall can still be seen.

(Source: Molokai A Site Survey by Catherine C. Summers, Number 14 Bishop Museum, 1971.)

A boat ramp in any community is controversial, but a through study would reveal pros and cons of other locations and any mitigation needed before choosing a site if any site is

suitable. Providing for this option to access other sites for consideration would provide for a comprehensive approach and allow for community review and discussion.

The State legislature needs to listen to the will of the Molokai people. Molokai residents volunteer countless hours attending community meetings, providing testimony and reasonable logic about the challenges that Molokai faces in holding onto a subsistence lifestyle. The decision for a boat ramp should be made by Molokai because Molokai has to live with the consequences.

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Karen Poepoe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: I feel that the decision to study and construct a small boat harbor at Puko'o is one that should involve the residents of the area, especially given the onus to those residents of a general obligation bond. That should be step one.

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Mahina Lopes	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: To Whom It May Concern: This testimony is in OPPOSITION to the HCR213 and HR148 (the proposal for a study to install a boat ramp in Puko'o Molokai.) I was born, raised and still live and pay land taxes in Puko'o. A relatively untouched piece of pristine paradise, the Puko'o shoreline is perfect just as it is. Decades ago development and dredging in Puko'o destroyed historic and ancient Hawaiian fishponds and unnaturally altered the land and ocean scapes forever. Any further development and exploitation of Puko'o, Molokai is unwanted by those of us who wish to protect our island from any activity that has the potential to cause irreversible harm to the quality of the surrounding land and ocean environments. In general when accessibility to an area is increased the potential for exploitation is also increased. As a taxpayer in Puko'o I am not willing to pay for or support the development of a facility that will in turn degrade my lifestyle and harm the natural resources in my area that I depend on. I see this project resulting in an over congestion and uncontrolled amount of land and ocean traffic and pollution, the safety and aesthetics of the Puko'o beach and neighborhood areas being compromised, the overharvesting and depletion of ocean resources as well as the degradation of precious coral habitats, and an unjust imposition of higher tax rates, just to name a few. That is why I as a resident of the area SAY NO! Furthermore, the community and lives that this proposal would be affecting was never informed or asked for input. I was completely caught off guard. Where was the community involvement on this? Mahalo for your time, Mahina Lopes Mahina Lopes 8715 Kam V Hwy Kaunakakai HI 96748 mahinal@hawaii.edu (808) 213-5545

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MAHINA LOPES

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.C.R. 213  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONDUCT A  
FEASIBILITY AND COST STUDY RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT RAMP IN  
PUKO'O

To Whom It May Concern:

This testimony is in OPPOSITION to the proposal to install a boat ramp in Puko'o Molokai. I was born, raised and still live and pay land taxes in Puko'o. A relatively untouched piece of pristine paradise, the Puko'o shoreline is perfect just as it is. Decades ago development and dredging in Puko'o destroyed historic and ancient Hawaiian fishponds and unnaturally altered the land and ocean scapes forever. Any further development and exploitation of Puko'o, Molokai is unwanted by those of us who wish to protect their island from any activity that has the potential to cause irreversible harm to the quality of the surrounding land and ocean environments. In general when accessibility to an area is increased the potential for exploitation is also increased.

As a taxpayer in Puko'o I DO NOT support the development of a facility that will in turn degrade my lifestyle and harm the natural resources in my area. I see this project resulting in an over congestion and uncontrolled amount of land and ocean traffic and pollution, the safety and beauty of the Puko'o beach areas being compromised, the overharvesting and depletion of ocean resources as well as the degradation of precious coral habitats, and the possibility of an unjust imposition of higher tax rates.

Malia Akutagawa's testimony of opposition is very thorough in explaining my feelings as well. Here on Molokai we have a lot to protect and this is one of those things.

Furthermore, the community and lives that this proposal would be affecting was never informed or asked for input. Where is the community involvement on this? Being that an overwhelming majority of the mana'e and molokai residents I spoke to regarding this issue shared my concern and expressed to me their opposition, I see this as being something that will be heavily protested as it threatens the way of life we all cherish.

Mahalo for your time, Mahina Lopes

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Attachments: Pukoo boat rampharbor collected comments of opposition.pdf

ALOHA,

A few weeks ago I stated a petition opposing any boat ramp/harbor developments in Puko'o Molokai that was proposed on Senate Bill 886. I collected just about 200 signatures and many testimonies from individuals who opposed the bill. Yes the bill has been renamed and is now being called H.C.R 213 but I still feel that the signatures and comments are relevant as the issue and concerns have not changed.

I've attached a document that has 68 testimonies of opposition along with the names of the people who submitted them to me. I really hope that you will take the time to read through what i've collected before you make a decision on this. (if the document cant be opened I would be more than happy to fax it to you, just provide me a fax#)

If I have to start over from scratch and generate a new petition and recollect these comments I will.

Here is a link to the online platform where I've collected signatures and comments.

<https://www.change.org/p/laura-thielen-hawaii-state-senate-j-kalani-english-don-t-pass-senate-bill-886>

Thankyou, Mahina Lopes

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Recipient: Hawaii State Senate, State Sen. J. Kalani English, and State Sen. Laura Thielen

Letter: Greetings,

Please accept this as my official letter of opposition to SB886. I do not support the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund the installation of a boat ramp and a feasibility study for a new harbor in Puko'o Molokai.

# Comments

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Shaun Withers	kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-10	I disagree with the building of the boat ramp at pukoo harbor!
Tapuilima Hanapi	Mililani, HI	2015-03-10	I am opposed to the overdevelopment of Pukoo. It is a small but self sustaining neighborhood and should be kept that way.
Chelsea holley	Honokaa, HI	2015-03-10	keep Molokai Molokai
Kamana hanapi-lopess	Mililani, HI	2015-03-10	pukoo is my home, besides the point the reefs of Molokai must be protected and the natural beauty of the island is the last resource it has, to invest in molokais future is to not invest in such destructive infrastructure projects. The harbor at puko'o should open a lease with the state.
Reyford Stone	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-10	"Particularly those living on the populated east end of Molokai." Who are these senator's speaking for that live on the east end? Was there a poll or questionnaire given to anyone on the east end asking if this is needed or wanted? All these politicians see are dollar signs. We don't need it or want it!
Keanuhuihui Kapuni	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-10	Born and raised in Ualapu'e, Mana'e, I've seen many changes and not for the better. We DO NOT need this boat ramp because unwanted boats not from here would have an open invitation to gather our resources we work so hard to preserve! I vote NO!!
Ehiku Arnold	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-10	Keep Molokai, Molokai!!
Tranquilino Pascual	Haleiwa, HI	2015-03-10	I appose the bill and I like things the way they are
Ivory Espaniola	Hilo, HI	2015-03-10	Molokai does not need to be developed anymore then it already is.
Charlotte Duthie	Honolulu, HI	2015-03-10	Please don't do this to Molokai, it would be a son to see that island polluted by so called progress. Besides that the people there barely make enough to support themselves let alone support a bond.
Jeffrey Phelps	Grinnell, IA	2015-03-10	This coastline remains virtually unspoiled, and with the existence of the old Kamalo Wharf in close proximity there is no need to develop this plan. A surge in non indigenous traffic which any new ramp would bring could be disastrous to the pristine nature of the Puko'o area
Rev. Joseph Plocich DMMS	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-10	I strongly oppose any development on the East End.
mary kauhola	Waipahu, HI	2015-03-11	I am signing cuz I to lived there on Moloka'i's east end Tapu is my niece we all lived on our ohana Aina in Ahaino wea my sisters still live. Leave Molokai alone it's one of our few places to call country from West to East.
Genella Albino	Kualapuu, HI	2015-03-11	Because like many of us who were born and raised here on Moloka'i, know exactly what is best for our island. To have others who are not from here, try to tell us what we need or what we should do, is an insult. We are not looking for change, we like it just the way it is!!!
Karen Poepoe	Ho'olehua, HI	2015-03-11	Most of the Mana'e community were not informed or given an opportunity to decide if they want to have this boat harbor, or to pay for it. Mana'e moku residents should have the right to weigh in before decisions are made that can affect their lifestyle choice and land taxes.
nathaniel bacon	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-11	This community is zoned rural and that does not include a facility that supports commercial ventures, whether they be commercial fishing or ferry services to Maui. Do not spoil the rural nature of Mana`e. The unspoiled, rural neighborhood community did not call for this type of development in the Molokai East End Community Plan.

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Jesseca Kalawe-Oswald	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-11	I'm signing because we don't need more traffic or development. Please ask the community what we need. This is not one of them. Please read and sign in an protect our puko'o area. Mahalo.
Kupono McPherson	Wailuku, HI	2015-03-11	I want to protect Moloka'i from being overdeveloped like 'Oahu and Maui!

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Malia Akutagawa	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-11	<p>While I now currently reside on the island of O’ahu, I am from Molokai and my residence of 10 years was in Puko’o. My father currently resides in Puko’o and has lived there for around 25 years as a caretaker of land where this boat ramp is contemplated. In fact, my family fought very hard to keep a boat ramp out of Puko’o and expended much time and resources to legally defend the fishpond from being re-purposed into a public boat ramp. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals has already ruled that the Puko’o fishpond is private property and not subject to navigable servitude for a public boat ramp in <i>Boone v. United States</i>, 944 F.2d 1489 (1991).</p> <p>The reason why we fought having a public boat ramp in Puko’o was because it would bring unwanted tourism to East Molokai through increased boat traffic from Maui. We were already seeing pressures from a charter boat that was bringing snorkel tours from Maui to Puko’o. In the 1970s and 1980s the Molokai community fought against unfettered development in Mana’e (East Molokai) and marched in opposition to the dredging of reef in Puko’o and destruction of the fishpond that would have made way for a resort development. We were successful in this effort and demanded that Molokai have its own Planning Commission rather than land use decisions be made from Maui island. We also developed a Molokai Community Plan, the first one in 1983 with a strong East End Community Statement and zoning put in place for no commercial and resort development on the East End. Our community plan identifies Kaunakakai as the center for commerce, with Mana’e reserved for the local people, an area where the beaches are more accessible to the public and where locals can enjoy themselves for recreation, family gatherings, as well as engage in subsistence fishing. This is critically important to all Molokai residents because large landowners have blocked access to beaches on the southwest and part of the northwest coastline of Molokai. Without Mana’e remaining pristine and untouched by large commercial development and tourism, there would be no place for local residents to go. Molokai has also experienced extreme pressures from O’ahu and Maui commercial interests and recreational fishermen who overfish our waters. One Maui commercial fishermen took over 2,000 lbs. of lobster from East Molokai waters in the course of one night. To open up a public boat ramp in Mana’e would further jeopardize our precious fishing grounds that are important to the island's subsistence lifestyle.</p> <p>Finally, I am deeply concerned about preserving the biological integrity of Molokai as the only place in the world where organic papaya is grown and marketed nationally and internationally. Many homestead farmers are successfully marketing Molokai organic papaya and their livelihood would be jeopardized should additional, unchecked entry points be provided for the potential introduction of the papaya ringspot virus. Molokai’s banana industry could also be threatened as we have had little exposure to the banana bunchy top virus. Molokai’s #1 industry is not tourism, but agriculture. Thus, the rest of the State needs to respect my island's choice to remain a rural, agriculture, and subsistence-based island. We have deliberately chosen this path for ourselves where we maintain our families under two economies: a cash economy and a subsistence economy. Please respect us and do not adopt a patriarchal stance that removes our freedom of choice to make decisions for ourselves and our ‘āina.</p> <p>Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.</p> <p>Malia Akutagawa</p>



Name	Location	Date	Comment
Laurie Aiweiwei Baron	Honolulu, HI	2015-03-11	I agree with Malia Akutagawa's reasoning. This boat ramp would not be in the interest of the people of Molokai, but would destroy Puko'o fishpond and irreparably harm their currently sustainable lifestyle.
Gail Baron	Honolulu, HI	2015-03-11	Molokai is my favorite island. I have sailed around it many times, anchored at Kalaupapa, the west end, Lono, and Kaunakakai, and driven as far as one can go around the Halawa area. It is truly unique and I respect Molokai folks and their determination to live the way they choose.
Tom Chivington (Pukoo homeowner)	Redwood City, CA	2015-03-11	I totally agree that a boat ramp is not a good idea for Pukoo for all of the reasons already stated. Also, it is obvious that the bill was introduced by someone that has never visited Pukoo to see if it could possibly work. The lagoon is privately owned, and access to the ocean is limited to a narrow (one way) access road bordering east side of the lagoon, and a narrow (one way) access road bordering the west side of the lagoon. Both of these roads are bordered by private property and would be impossible to widen. Where would vehicles with boat trailers park? Whoever thought of this obviously has not considered the many negative impacts or even the feasibility of putting in a public launch ramp much less a small boat marina in Pukoo.
Sandra Jean	Hereford, AZ	2015-03-12	I'm signing this petition because HI is on one the states of the United States and Puko'o Moloka'i residents want to keep their wonderful beaches pristine.
Janet Clark	Kaaawa, HI	2015-03-12	Please do not commercialize this beautiful are by putting up a boat ramp there. Moloka'i is one of the last places where nature is preserved and putting a boat ramp here would jeopardize a way of life that is quickly disappearing.
anne bacon	kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-12	This is NOT what the people of Puko`o want in their community. Please read the "East End Policy Statement" portion of the Molokai Plan. We are at least entitled to public hearings.
Kelly Pauole	Wailuku, HI	2015-03-12	Molokai is my ancestral home and we have property there.....we do not see what has happened on Oahu and Maui Etc.....the people of molokai do NOT want this.....therefore I am signing this petition.....
Kitty Te Kanawa	Tauranga, New Zealand	2015-03-12	I have Whanau there and go over every so often.
Noikulani Kamakeeaina	Laie, HI	2015-03-12	There's too much development in the state of Hawaii to accommodate others who call this place home but they all say the same thing...well the state I came from did this and that so we should do it here. My question if the state you came from was so great why you move here n try tell us how to live. Leave Moloka'i untarnished. This one chain of Islands we are birthed from. Not part of the continental US stop raping our lands for your profits. Using our language on your products to reap off our unique culture and heritage.
Eric Korpi	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-12	Kaunakakai boat harbor already meets te communities needs. There are more urgent priorities for tax payer money in the community rather than this project.
Terrance Kaleo Paleka	Anchorage, AK	2015-03-12	Born & Raised Molokai
Halona Kaopuiki	Hoolehua, Molokai, HI	2015-03-12	AOLE ..... NO HARBOR AT PUKOO
Stephanie Lauifi	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-12	It would destroy all that we worked for to keep Molokai, Molokai.
Claud Sutcliffe	Kamuela, HI	2015-03-12	I have lived on Molokai for 25 years, and want to keep Molokai Molokai!
Danielle Donovan	Seattle, WA	2015-03-13	Keep the country country and save Puko'o from being overdevelopped.
Nani Morris	Hayfork, CA	2015-03-13	I grew up on Moloka'i.Hoolehua...Moloka'i has always sustained itself. I come home every year and stay w my O'hana. My family was original homesteaders. Keep Moloka'i Moloka'i.....vital to Hawaiians

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Kyle Lum	Honolulu, HI	2015-03-13	I have lived on the island of Molokai for seven years, and there is really no need for a boat ramp nor a harbor...there are sufficient moorings and facility at Kamalo and at Honouliwai, which bookend Ualapue/ Puko'o at both ends...any benefit which this proposal claims would be negated by significant environmental impact, financial burden through increased taxes, and unnecessary construction traffic increase for the east end of Molokai.
Jayne Dator-Freeman	FPO AP, CA	2015-03-13	I am a Molokai landowner and respect and want to help preserve the Molokai lifestyle that the residents here have worked hard to preserve.
Tristan Kiyon	Hilo, HI	2015-03-14	moloka'i is fine just the way it is
Carmen McCartney	San Diego, CA	2015-03-14	Moloka'i is home and the rural lifestyle is what keeps the locals happy.
Lindley LaVoie	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-14	I used to live in Puko'o and have fond memories of swimming there. Honouliwai would be an even worse idea because we live there and don't need any people coming in and changing things.
John Rodriguez	Ho'olehua, HI	2015-03-14	I'm against what some may call progress.
Tawnia Williamson	Makawao, HI	2015-03-14	molokai needs to be left alone
Tania Kaholoaa	Ho'olehua, HI	2015-03-14	Kamalo is good and so is Honouliwai!!
Corey Hanaike	Kula, HI	2015-03-14	Molokai iis like no place else. I live Maui. Let the tourist come Maui. Leave Molokai alone.
LEONORA ESPANIOLA	Hoolehua, HI	2015-03-14	How many boat owners on Molokai? Who is it really for? I see it as future residence for boat owners which will put limits to the time spent at that location it will be built and a battle between the have and have nots.
Julie Knudsen Lopez	Kualapuu, HI	2015-03-14	Mahina, is from this area of Molokai and should would not do this petition unless it was not important to her.
Tierra Madani	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-14	I would hate to see Molokai having a change in esthetics or any possibility of exploitation. The beauty of the island is that it's private and rural. Let's keep it that way for locals and tourists.
Frankie Tomecek	Palisade, CO	2015-03-19	Preservation of the old ways on the more traditional islands
Daryl Crockett	Preston, ID	2015-03-19	Because some places are better off the way they are sacred pristine and non commercial
Eden Parker	Sacramento, CA	2015-03-19	The hawaiian people dont want this
Lisette hanson	Price, UT	2015-03-19	a friend Askes and it's important to him so it's important to me
Malia Kamai	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-19	Molokai is my home...I grew up in Manae and we do not need a boat ramp let alone a harbor in Pukoo.
HOKU M	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-19	This ismy home land and i dont want it to be developed! My family go manae daily and its fine just is! We eat from our ocean and its going to be all poluted just like the rest of the islands. We don't approve of this bill
amy asano	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-19	I agree with this petition!
Kimberly Ward	Cedar City, UT	2015-03-19	I'm signing because my friend is from Molokai and knows what's best for his hometown. He wants my support and he has it!
Vonda Stone	Schofield Barracks, HI	2015-03-19	I do not believe Puko'o needs a ramp built or anything of that matter where I enjoyed to when I was young, and where now I take my children and grandchildren to. Let's keep Puko'o just the way it is.....
mariah traxler	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-19	My Aunty said to sign this
Tomlyn Maikui-Manu	Ho'olehua, HI	2015-03-19	Because our aina is special we don't need it.
Andrea wood	Spanish Fork, UT	2015-03-19	i agree

Name	Location	Date	Comment
Bronson Aea	Honolulu, HI	2015-03-20	Molokai should stay the way it is
Cali Blackhorn	Littleton, CO	2015-03-20	The island is home to my dear friend. The island is very special to him and his family.
jazmine tauilili	Portland, OR	2015-03-20	I was born in hilo and raised on molokai And i think that its good the way it is.
Justin Kekiwi	Kahului, HI	2015-03-21	We need to protect our natural resources and do what is right for the people and 'aina not rich and for commercial businesses.
Don Espaniola	Aiea, HI	2015-03-22	Keep moloka'i moloka'i
Linda Johnson	Eugene, OR	2015-03-23	My friend deserves his peaceful home to be free.
Lucia Maya	Makawao, HI	2015-03-26	This will negatively impact both the natural resources of this delicate ecosystem, as well as one of the beautiful public access beach areas of Puko'o.
Elaine Archambeau	Kapaa, HI	2015-03-26	Securing Molokai for the residents
Georgie Chivington (Pukoo homeowner)	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-26	I agree with all the reasons listed by others that have signed this petition. Keep Molokai and Puko'o safe
DIANE SWENSON	Kaunakakai, HI	2015-03-26	It isn't a good location. The harbor at Kamalo is a better place for boating activity.

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**HCR213**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Malia Akutagawa	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: MALIA AKUTAGAWA TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.C.R. 213 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY AND COST STUDY RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT RAMP IN PUKO'O March 26, 2014 Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land, Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs, My name is Malia Akutagawa and I am testifying in my personal capacity. I was born and raised on Molokai and am from Mana'e, East Molokai. Throughout my childhood and adult life up to 2 years ago I lived in Mana'e, including several Mana'e ahupua'a; namely Kamalo, 'Ualapu'e, and Puko'o. Preserve Rural Character of Mana'e (East Molokai) --- No Boat Ramp! My father and his wife are caretakers of the fishpond at Puko'o where I believe this boat ramp is being contemplated. It was the site of legal battles and protests when the reef was dredged and portions of Puko'o fishpond were filled with coral rubble in the late 1970s for a proposed condominium development. It was through the strong activism of Mana'e residents and other Molokai people overall that blocked this development project. The fishpond was subject to litigation. Puko'o Boat Ramp Litigation – No Navigable Servitude over Puko'o Fishpond My family was able to prevail in the Boone v. U.S. case which stated there was no navigable servitude pursuant to the U.S. Commerce Clause that would allow for the fishpond to become a public boat ramp, absent clear condemnation proceedings and the use of the State's police powers to acquire private landholdings. To great personal cost to my family and a strong belief that the East End should remain a rural place, we were able to preserve the fishpond. My family also worked hard to create 2 public-right-of-ways adjacent to each side of the fishpond through a Maui County Ordinance No. 13.22.030 which prohibits commercial use, but provides important public beach access. Maui County General Plan & Molokai Community Plan Designates East Molokai as a Non- Commercial Zone Our population on Molokai has been disenfranchised due to our tri- isle county where most of the land use decisions are made on the island of Maui and where other land use decisions are made on O'ahu. Because of this, our residents had to take a stand and insist that we have our own Molokai Planning Commission and that we create our own community plan which is now made a part of the Maui County General Plan. To this day, in our Molokai Community Plan is a strong East End Community Statement that states no commercial development on the East Side. The zoning designations and maps in our Community Plan also reserve East Molokai as a non-commercial zone. The center of the island's economy is Kaunakakai and the rest of the island has designated it as such. It is not burdensome to residents from other parts of the island, East Molokai, to make a 30 minute drive to Kaunakakai for supplies or to launch bigger

boats. We all understand that in order to keep the rural character of our island as such, and in order to protect our subsistence activities, we all have to make sacrifices and carefully designate appropriate uses for each area of our island. There are No Food Security and Access Threats to East Molokai Fishermen Why is Mana'e so special to us on Molokai? It is because it is one of the few places on the island that local and Native Hawaiian families can access. Most of the west side of the island from Pala'au to La'au and from La'au to Kaupoa, Kawekiu to 'Ilio, and 'Ilio to Kawa'aloa is inaccessible except by boat or if one has a 4-wheel drive and key to traverse these landholdings that are owned by large private landowners. Mana'e, then, is one of the last areas, a pu'u honua (refuge) where families can enjoy picnics, swim, and fish. Mana'e residents also have no difficulty in utilizing their boats to fish in Mana'e and need not launch their boats from a public boat ramp. They launch from Kamalo and Honouliwai. If they have a flat bottom boat which is typical of a lot of fishermen in Mana'e, they can launch their boats from anywhere. There is no threat to food access and no one has to drive to Kaunakakai Harbor to launch their boats. A Public Boat Ramp in East Molokai Threatens Residents' Subsistence Fishing, the Rural Character of Mana'e, and Bio-Security for Native Ecosystems and Molokai Agriculture The greater threat to our nearshore fishery is if there was a public boat ramp in Mana'e because it would provide an easier access point for Maui fishermen to raid our shoreline and overfish our waters. Already, I have heard accounts of Maui commercial fishermen coming in the middle of the night to harvest massive amounts of lobster and fish. There was an incident a few years ago where one commercial fisherman took 2,000 lbs. of lobster in one night. This is unsustainable and will only serve to degrade our nearshore fisheries. The 1993 Molokai Subsistence Study revealed that nearly 30% of the average Molokai family diet comes from subsistence foods – foods that are gathered, fished, hunted, and grown. Maintaining subsistence livelihoods on Molokai is vitally important. Irreparable harm would be caused to many families if a public boat ramp was placed in Puko'o or any part of Mana'e, as easier access points from Maui island where their waters are overfished, would increase pressure on East Molokai nearshore fisheries. A public boat ramp in East Molokai would also increase the presence of Maui charter tour boats and snorkeling tours to East Molokai. This would degrade East Molokai fishing grounds and interfere with subsistence fishing. While tourism is the number 1 economic industry on all the islands; it is NOT on Molokai. Residents identify agriculture as the priority economic engine. Molokai has maintained biological purity in that we don't have the papaya ringspot virus and to date we have been able to prevent banana bunchy top infestations. Molokai is the only place on the planet that grows and markets nationally and internationally organic papaya. This industry has allowed our Hawaiian Homestead farmers to prosper economically. Providing a boat ramp in Mana'e would add a potentially dangerous vector point for the spread of viruses that could cripple our agricultural industry. The Molokai Invasive Species Committee has also been vigilant about keeping out invasive species such as fire ants and coqui frogs from Molokai. This volunteer group would be overburdened were it to also be concerned about a Puko'o boat ramp being an additional vector point and threat to our native species and pristine upper rainforests. Conclusion The State legislature needs to honor the will of the Molokai people, our well-reasoned and diligent planning, the many volunteer hours each of us takes to attend community meetings, engage in the public review process (even if it means having to pay for an air ticket to Maui or O'ahu to attend and testify at agency and legislative meetings and hearings), and be guardians and drivers of our own destiny. We've all fought hard to Keep Molokai Molokai. Don't take that decision away from us. For these reasons please VOTE NO on H.C.R. 213. Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.

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**MALIA AKUTAGAWA**  
**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.C.R. 213**  
**REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY**  
**AND COST STUDY RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT RAMP IN PUKO'O**

March 26, 2014

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### **Conclusion**

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**For these reasons please VOTE NO on H.C.R. 213.**

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify.



HR148

Aloha

My name is Doreen Gaspar ,I am the caretaker for Fabio Trust that is the Property Owner in Pukoo. This ramp would bring a BIG life change upon them ,Since they became owners ,they has kept it the same. ."MOLOKAI". This will bring a life style of Maui to our small community .I say on behalf of Fabio Trust I OPPOSE !!!!

Mahalo,

Doreen Gaspar

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**HR148**

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Laa Poepoe	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments: the majority of the molokai community, specifically in the mana'e district, is opposed to this boat ramp for a number of reasons. we had a petition negating all the reasons to build it back when it was sb886 last week or so. very few people want this thing. save ourselves the pilikia, vote this down. mahalo

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Renee Kester	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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Rep. Nicole Lowen; Rep. Scott Nishimoto  
Subject: Boat launching ramp at Pukoo Molokai

**LATE**

I realize you are all very busy but just wanted a minute of your time to urge you not to support a boat launching ramp at Pukoo Harbor on Molokai. The water inside the reef is shallow so only flat bottom and shallow draft boats would benefit. The area already has problems on holidays and weekends with drinking, driving on the beach etc. The highway is narrow when you get to the east end and already there isn't room on the highway for a large boat and other vehicles to pass through without one of them pulling off of the road. Kamalo Harbor is much easier to access and a better location if East Molokai were to have a boat launching ramp. I urge you not to support this idea or allocate funds for a study.

Thank you,

*Diane Swenson, CCIM*

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**LATE**

HCR213

Aloha,

My name is Jason Matayoshi and I would like to thank all of you for taking the time to review this issue all Molokai boaters have on the east end of Molokai.

We are in great need of a boat ramp on the east end of Molokai. Currently the only boat ramp that allows trailer boats to launch at any given time is at Kaunakakai harbor. Currently boaters have been relying on people who have beach access to allow them to launch their boats. All boat launching on the east side of Molokai is done in places not intended to launch boats and requires extreme to launch a trailer boat. There is no marked safe harbor to travel in and out of which makes traveling in and out during dark times very difficult.

The primary reason for needing a boat ramp is safety. The fire department has to travel at minimum two hours from Kaunakakai harbor to consider being in the east Molokai area, and when the weather is unfavorable it greatly adds to their response time. Also with no ramp if any boaters should run into problems they are forced to travel all the way to Kaunakakai harbor to safety.

Secondly we need a ramp to give the boaters another option to launch. We would not only use it to fish but also for boating to the other islands. Recently we've been using personal boats to take high school kids and their families to for school functions and sports and school activities due to the reduced athletic travel funds.

The infrastructure is greatly needed and long overdue for the Molokai people. Beach launching and asking people to launch our boats is

becoming more difficult. We thank you for your time in looking into this issue.

Sincerely,

Jason Y Matayoshi

East Molokai

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From: Kristie Caparida <kc\_pikakeokalani@yahoo.com>  
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Rep. Nicole Lowen; Rep. Scott Nishimoto  
Subject: Oppose to H.C.R. 213

**LATE**

I am in opposition because I live on the east end of Molokai and having a boat ramp will increase commercial fishing and tourism in which we, the people will have no control over. We are dependent on our natural resources and take preservation and health and safety for future generations seriously. We say no to a boat ramp. I am a mother of six children and all whom are raised to fish. We also own several boats in which a boat ramp would sound like a great idea, but like all ideas without a long term common goal to protect our resources or food, will create dependency on government, businesses, and others. We need to make decisions based on shared values and not quick ones that serve for self gain. Let's use our influence to serve as a voice for the people, and the people who live there!

Sincerely,

Kristie Caparida  
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lucia Maya <luciakmaya@me.com>  
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Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.C.R. 213

**LATE**

**TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.C.R. 213  
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES CONDUCT A  
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PUKO'O**

March 26, 2014

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Lowen, and Members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources,  
and Hawaiian Affairs,

I am a resident of both Maui and Molokai. I am fortunate to live in Puko'o on Molokai half-time, with my partner whose family has lived in the same ahupua'a, and on this land for 5 generations.

I love this land, and the people who care for this land and the ocean, maintaining a way of life that is no longer found in most of Hawaii, nor much of the world. I believe the sustainable fishing, hunting and farming that is done in this community is essential, and needs support. Building a boat ramp would not help the people of Mana'e, but would invite larger boats from other areas which would cause harm.

I believe that building a boat ramp in Puko'o would negatively impact the environment of this delicate ecosystem, as well as the Mana'e community as a whole. It might benefit a few, but at the cost of many. Please VOTE NO on H.C.R. 213.

Mahalo for taking the time to read my comments.

Aloha,  
Lucia Maya  
8714 Kamehameha V Hwy,  
Kaunakakai, HI 96748  
808-866-8246



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**LATE**

From: Mathew Goodrich <mathewgoodrich@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, March 27, 2015 7:30 AM  
To: Rep. Nicole Lowen  
Cc: Rep. Chris Lee; Rep. Kaniela Ing; repevans@Capitol.hawaii; Rep. Ty Cullen; Rep. Ryan Yamane; Rep. Scott Nishimoto  
Subject: Boat Ramp /Puko'o/Support

Aloha, I support having a new boat ramp at Puko'o on the East end of Molokai. Mathew Goodrich

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From: Zelie Duvauchelle <zelieduvauchelle@me.com>  
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Rep. Nicole Lowen; Rep. Scott Nishimoto; Rep. Lynn DeCoite  
Subject: TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO H.C.R. 213 - No boat ramp!

**LATE**

March 26, 2015

Aloha Chair Yamane, Vice-Chair Cullen, and members of the Committee on Water and Land,

Aloha Chair Ing, Vice-Chair Lowen, and members of the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, and Hawaiian Affairs,

My name is Zelie Kuliaikanu'u Duvauchelle and I am a 5th generation Duvauchelle living in Puko'o, Moloka'i. I live next door to (what I believe is) the proposed site.

I have been fishing and crabbing in the Puko'o area since I was a child, I am now 55 years of age.

Recently, I was out on my paddle board and I must tell you how concerned I am about the marine life in the Puko'o area, and east Molokai in general. We are at a very critical time in history, we have the opportunity to make wise decisions to preserve our precious resources for generations to come. We could also make poor decisions that would have an adverse effect to our environment, land and sea.

I feel that a boat ramp on east Molokai is a poor environmental decision.

The fishermen on the east end of Molokai who depend on the ocean for their sustenance know how to get into the ocean with their boats; they've been doing it for generations.

Please help preserve this precious area, and VOTE NO on H.C.R. 213.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify,

Zelie K. Duvauchelle  
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**LATE**

From: Debra Mapel, Molokai Resident, and East End  
Hearing: Friday, March 27, 2015 10:30 am

**Re: SUPPORT HCR 213 / HR 148**

My name is Debra Mapel, a 36 year resident of Molokai, and as a boat co-owner for 35 years I strongly SUPPORT HCR 213/HR 148. Over the years we have had to launch our boat according at various locations from Kaunakakai harbor to Halawa Valley. Currently we must trailer our boat 19 miles to the only boat ramp on Molokai, Kaunakakai harbor, because the former sites are no longer available (private properties) or not suitable due to changes in the road, beach or tides. Hence this request supporting a new boat ramp at the existing public right-away located to the west of Pukoo Harbor. This site is preferable for many reasons.

- Opens to an existing natural harbor
- Would require least amount of changes to existing area
- State owned site
- Located 16 miles east of Kaunakakai for quicker response time
- Close to Pukoo Fire Sub Station and rescue craft
- An alternative location should Kaunakakai ramp be damaged or closed for maintenance
- Would not conflict with current usage at Kamalo that does not require a ramp

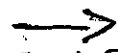
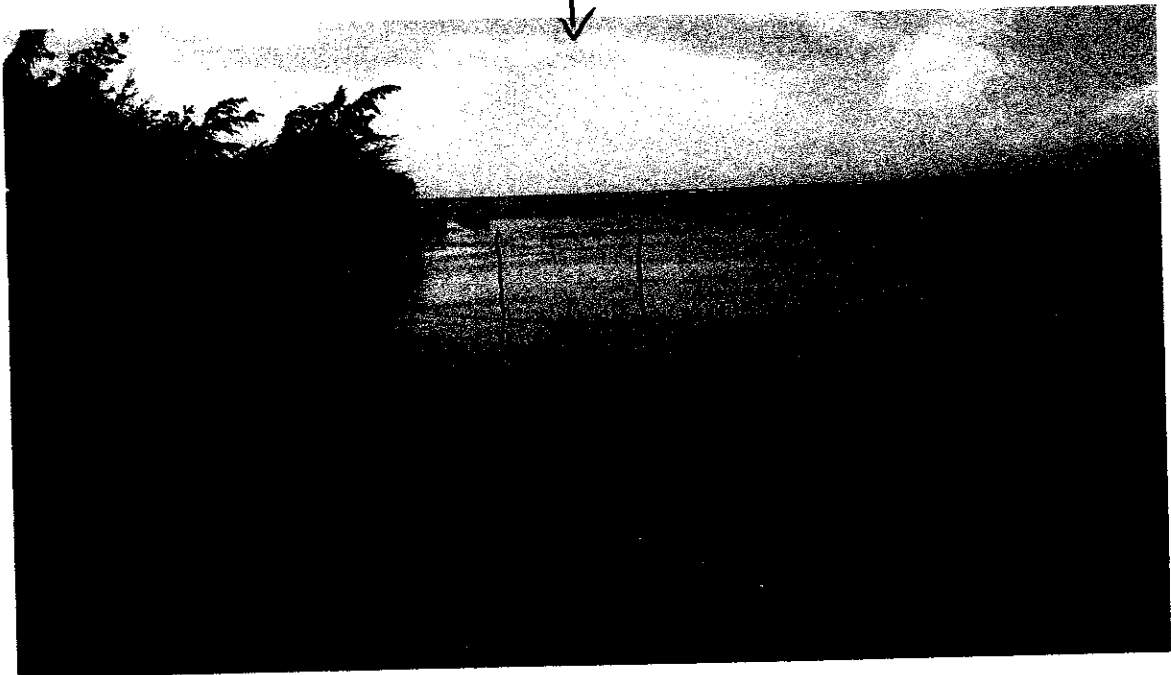
Thank you for taking this information into consideration as I ask for your support of HCR 213/HR 148.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Mapel,

Cc: Rep. DeCoite

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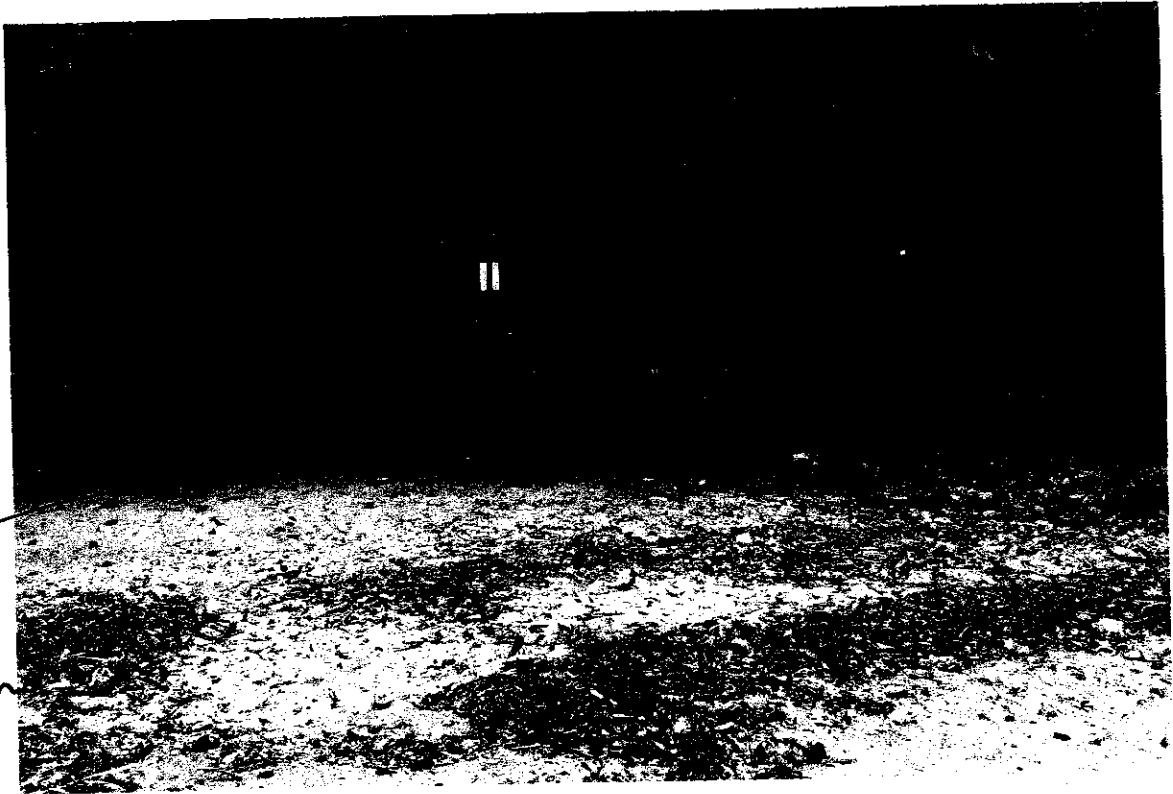


20' from wall back fill

Pukoo proposed ramp site.



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**Rep. Lynn DeCoite**

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Aloha,

Most local residents I talked to are against a launch ramp at Pukoo. It would increase fishing pressure on our east side resources. The cost of creating a launch site would be prohibitive. Kamalo already has a harbor but there to residents don't want the increase in fishing pressure. Most people with flat bottoms can already launch there. We really need access to west side and Penguin banks. A launch ramp at Hale O Lono would meet less opposition, give access to penguin banks for Molokai fisherman, help with canoe races, be cost efficient, and force the state to help maintain the road for access.

So Happy your in there. Be yourself, we will be praying for you!

A uhi ho Dartagnon & Ohana

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