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WATER & LAND

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In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2373
RELATING TO LIVEABOARD FEES

House Bill 2373 proposes to increase the current rate of the liveaboard fee for state small boat harbors and clarify that the liveaboard fee may be increased or decreased by rule adopted by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) pursuant to Chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS). **The Department strongly supports this Administration measure.**

The State currently has a total of 164 liveaboard slips located in the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor (129 slips) and Keehi Lagoon Small Boat Harbor (35 slips). Liveaboard permittees pay a fee to reside on their vessels in order to offset the cost of providing additional services such as increased use of utilities, showers and restrooms, security and other administrative costs. As the liveaboard fee has not increased since 1991, the Department feels that the current liveaboard fee should be increased and regularly adjusted accordingly. Increased fees would provide supplemental funding for the improvement and maintenance of boat harbor facilities, which would result in improved sanitation, maintenance, and cleanliness of boat harbor facilities.

Authorizing the Department to adjust the liveaboard fee by rule would be consistent with other mooring and commercial maritime fees that are adjusted similarly rule.