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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Oppose J-1, The Direct Issuance Parking Concession with Secure Parking Hawaii LLC
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Dear BLNR Chair Chang,

The push for privatization of all aspects of our harbors is in violation of the public trust, As I have commented in previous testimony, the current head of the harbors, appears to be both corrupt and incompetent. The public use of all harbors must be maintained. Many mainland harbors are maintained by the public under the leadership of upstanding public civil servants with successful marine management experience.

Trying to eliminate free parking and as a result block free access to our beaches is truly appalling. Letting private tow companies shake down our tourist and beach users is inexcusable. I called the tow company operating at the Ala Wai harbor and verified that they only accept cash. This allows them to hide the amount of money they make and how many cars they tow in a day. Secure Parking Hawaii LLC is part of this questionable practice. Please do not give them another contract.

I also strongly recommend not going forward with any bill trying to relinquish the control of our harbors from the public to private corporations.

Sincerely,

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