

[EXTERNAL] June 12, 2026 Item J-1 TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

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ITEM J-1, RP 25, OUTFITTERS KAUAI LTD, TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUANCE

Aloha Chairperson Kaua'i Member Ono, and all Members,

Mahalo, we appreciate the recommendation of DOBOR Staff for continuance. Likewise, we are appreciative of the opportunity. In turn, we do our best to be good tenants by fitting into our surroundings appropriately and providing a fair and good, reliable income stream to our managing agency.

In the notes there is a reference to selling this lease at public auction. As the long-time tenants, that would not be something we could support. In the short time since getting notice of this meeting, we have not been able to communicate and ascertain if Staff intends to pursue that actively at this time, so therefore felt it best to be sure to communicate our position.

Respectfully and with aloha,

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[EXTERNAL] Renewal of Revocable Permit for AccesSurf

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Aloha Chair and Members of the Board,

I am writing in support of AccesSurf's request to continue using our storage space at Ala Wai and to expand the fenced area if possible.

This storage space is very important to our organization. It allows us to safely store the adaptive equipment and supplies we need to run our programs for people with disabilities, kūpuna, veterans, families, and volunteers. Without a secure and accessible place to store this equipment, it would be much more difficult for us to provide consistent programs for the community.

We have always tried to take good care of the area we are permitted to use. The Ala Wai location is highly visible and is often considered part of the Gateway to Waikīkī, so we understand the importance of keeping it clean, organized, and secure.

The area between the parking lot and our current fence line has been a concern because it is open and unmonitored. At times, personal belongings and large rubbish have been left there, and we have had to ask the State for help with removal. Expanding the fence line would help prevent these issues, improve security, and allow us to better maintain the area.

AccesSurf is grateful for the use of this space and remains committed to being a respectful and responsible partner. We respectfully ask for support in allowing us to continue using this important storage area and to expand the fence line so we can help keep the area safe, clean, and well cared for.

Mahalo,

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SUPPORT J-1 Ala Wai Harbor RP 157

Dear BLNR Chairperson and Members of the Board:

I am a thirty-year permit holder at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, a U.S. Coast Guard Licensed 50-Ton Master, and co-founder of SurfParking.org. I am at the harbor approximately three times a week and have firsthand knowledge of its operations and its community.

I write in conditional support of the renewal of Secure Parking Hawaii LLC's revocable permit for RP 157 (Parcel B) (Exhibit A), with requests that the Board attach conditions to the renewal that better serve the harbor community and the public interest.

I. Support for Renewal — Legitimate Operational Uses

The RP 157 (Parcel B) provides genuine value to harbor operations. I support its renewal for the following reasons:

Storm debris staging. Following Kona Low storms and other weather events, the harbor needs staging space for debris removal and cleanup. The RP 157 (Parcel B) serves this essential purpose.

Vessel removal and destruction. Multiple vessels have already been safely removed and destroyed on this site. This is an important harbor management function that requires yard space.

Community use. The lot currently accommodates Accessurf Hawaii, Inc. (RP 159), whose shipping containers are located immediately adjacent to the Secure Parking area. This is exactly the kind of community ocean recreation use RP 157 (Parcel B) should support and continue to provide.

High-demand days. On July 4th, during major outrigger canoe races, and when large events are held at nearby hotels, the overflow capacity is genuinely needed. The lot provides real public benefit on those days.

Future public infrastructure. As noted in the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor Vision Document, RP 157 (Parcel B) has been identified as a potential site for the base of a future bridge expansion to accommodate a dedicated walking and bicycle path. Maintaining the revocable permit status of this lot preserves the State's flexibility to pursue that important public infrastructure use when the time is right, without locking the land into a long-term private concession.

II. What the Community Has Given Up — And What It Has Not Received

The harbor community has made repeated sacrifices in good faith, and it is important that the Board understand this context.

The haul-out yard. In 2008, the boating community lost its haul-out yard — a critical facility for vessel maintenance, repair, and safety — with a promise that it would be replaced. Eighteen years later, that promise has not been kept. The loss of the haul-out yard remains one of the most significant unmet needs at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor.

The community accepted the loss of the haul-out yard in good faith, expecting a replacement that never came.

I think the community supports the RP 157 (Parcel B) renewal. But towing for minor parking violations continues exactly as before, as if the scarcity emergency that justified it still exists. It does not. The community deserves something in return.

III. Proposed Conditions for Renewal

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board attach the following conditions to the Exhibit A permit renewal:

On-site overnight vehicle holding. Vehicles towed from the recreational lot after closing should be held at RP 157 (Parcel B) overnight rather than transported to a private tow yard in Kalihi five miles away. The owner pays a modest retrieval fee via a DOBOR-controlled website and retrieves the vehicle the following morning — generating State revenue and sparing the public a needless financial crisis.

No tow truck staging. The lot must not be used as a staging or waiting area for tow truck operations. Petitioner has personally observed tow drivers lingering in the harbor waiting for meters to expire. The RP 157 (Parcel B) should serve harbor users, not the tow contractor.

Corrected signage. The current Secure Parking signage reads “Unauthorized vehicles will be towed.” A vehicle with an expired meter is not unauthorized — its authorization has lapsed. This distinction matters to a reasonable person trying to understand the rules. SCR 58, SD1, HD1 (2026) specifically urges DOBOR to improve the prevalence and clarity of signage regarding parking regulations, fees, and penalties. This is an opportunity to do exactly that.

IV. Cease and Desist on Towing for Minor Violations

The repeated justification for instant towing at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor has been parking scarcity. That justification is no longer credible.

The Board approved RP 157 (Parcel B). Photographic documentation shows it is routinely underutilized on ordinary days. The Hawai'i State Legislature found in SCR 58, SD1, HD1 (2026) that “towing may cause detrimental impacts to the vehicle owner or operator for relatively minor violations” and urged DOBOR to develop a progressive enforcement framework with clear warnings before towing.

Petitioner respectfully requests that the Board recommend to the BLNR Chairperson and the Governor that a cease and desist be issued on towing as the enforcement response

to minor parking violations — including expired meter overstays — at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and all state small boat harbors, pending the establishment of a citation-first enforcement framework consistent with SCR 58.

V. The Prince Waikīkī — Two Related Public Interest Issues

Petitioner also asks the Board to direct DOBOR to examine two matters involving the Prince Waikīkī hotel adjacent to the harbor:

54 public parking spaces. It is petitioner’s understanding that approximately 54 public parking spaces at the Prince Waikīkī are available to harbor users, yet there is no signage at the harbor directing users there and no public notice of their availability. This further undermines the scarcity justification for towing. DOBOR should confirm availability and ensure harbor users are informed.

The locked public bathroom. Petitioner understands that the Prince Waikīkī has a contracted obligation to maintain a public bathroom serving harbor users. That bathroom is consistently locked — the lights are on inside the building but the door is always closed to the public. If a maintenance contract exists and is not being honored, DOBOR should enforce it. Harbor users who have lost their food trucks, their haul-out yard, and now face aggressive towing deserve at minimum a functioning public bathroom.

This testimony is submitted regarding Agenda Item J-1, Exhibit A-1 — RP 157, Secure Parking Hawaii LLC, Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and does not waive, modify, or otherwise affect petitioner’s pending Request for a Contested Case Hearing filed October 3, 2025, which remains before the Board unresolved.

Photographic Exhibits



Exhibit T-1: RP 157 (Parcel B) lot showing partial utilization under normal operating conditions. The foreground area is empty; the marina and harbor are visible in the background.



Exhibit T-2: RP 157 (Parcel B) entrance. Secure Parking "Paid Lot / Pay-by-Plate" signage visible. The tow warning reads "Unauthorized vehicles will be towed" — language that does not distinguish a paid parker with an expired meter from a vehicle with no authorization at all.



Exhibit T-3: Vessel destruction underway at RP 157 (Parcel B), Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, with Waikīki skyline and harbor visible in the background. Orange safety fencing surrounds the debris. Multiple vessels have been safely destroyed on this site. Question: is this an essential harbor management function?



Exhibit T-4: Tow truck staged and waiting in Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor parking lot at night, December 1, 2023. Petitioner has personally observed tow drivers lingering in the harbor for extended periods waiting for meters to expire.



Exhibit T-5: Active vehicle tow at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor at night. A white Jeep Wrangler with front wheels lifted is being removed from the harbor parking lot. No DOBOR employee, DOCARE officer, or Secure Parking representative is present to review the tow before it occurs.

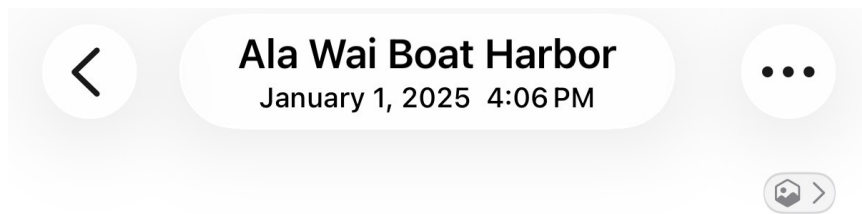


Exhibit T-6: Silver Nissan Altima on tow dollies, Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, January 1, 2025 at 4:06 PM. This vehicle was almost certainly parked by someone who paid for hourly parking but inadvertently parked in an unmarked permit stall. No 'PERMIT ONLY' ground markings exist at Ala Wai to warn drivers, despite DOBOR acknowledging the need for improved signage and refusing community requests to restore the ground markings that previously existed at this harbor. The result: a ruined New Year's Day and a \$165.00 tow to Kalihi.

The Board is asked to support the renewal of RP 157 (Parcel B) — and to use that renewal as the moment to finally end what has become a defining feature of Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor: the ever-present tow truck. In 2025 alone, two thousand five hundred and eighty-six (2,586) vehicles were towed from this harbor. In that same year, DOCARE officers issued only twenty-five (25) parking citations. The tow truck is not a last resort at Ala Wai. It is the first and only financial penalty — applied overwhelmingly, disproportionately, and without the citation stage that every other public parking facility in Honolulu provides. The Hawai'i State Legislature has recognized this. The community has asked for change since 2021. The overflow lot now exists. The scarcity justification

is gone. The Board has the authority, the evidence, and the legislative direction to act. Please use the renewal of RP 157 as the opportunity to do so.

This testimony is submitted regarding Agenda Item J-1 and does not waive, modify, or otherwise affect petitioner's pending Request for a Contested Case Hearing filed October 3, 2025, which remains before the Board unresolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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