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**[EXTERNAL] LIVE NOTE: OPPOSE J-5, and grant Kate Thompson a Contested Case Hearing**

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**Aloha!**

**The Free Access Coalition opposes agenda item J-5 and supports activist Kate Thompson's Contested Case hearing. The public needs to continue the free access to recreational parking at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor to surf / sail / paddle / and just go to the beach. The "Car Towing" issue needs resolution. The Contested Case hearing must continue.**

**We are writing to oppose Item J-5 on the June 26, 2026 BLNR agenda -- it is DOBOR's request that the Board deny Kate Thompson a Contested Case Hearing (CCH). We ask the Board to reject that request and grant the hearing.**

**Kate Thompson's CCH petition asks the Board to pause its September 26, 2025 vote on Item J-1, which delegated authority to the DLNR Chair to Negotiate, Approve, Execute, Manage, and Extend the Secure Parking Hawaii LLC parking contract at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor.**

**The major issue the Contested Case Hearing will bring to light is whether the new "License Plate Reader camera car" leased by DOBAR will just do warnings and then go straight to a "tow the vehicle" order or whether the camera car can issue a citation after a warning rather than a tow-order. Right now the towing company has collected a huge profit windfall from towing vehicles to impound. None of this money goes to the public.**

**We hope you will allow Activist Thompson to continue with her Contested Case hearing.**

**John & Rita Shockley Coordinators      Free Access Coalition**

