

**[EXTERNAL] J-1 Comments: Board Members please make a parking citation stage today, even if it's a pilot project**

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**From** Norman Acupan <nkdacupan@gmail.com>

**Date** Wed 7/8/2026 3:02 PM

**To** DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

I use Ala Wai Harbor for boating and ocean access.

I'm not against enforcing the parking rules. But going straight to towing people is too much.

If someone parks wrong, give them a real citation first. A \$20–\$35 fine makes sense. A \$165–\$250 tow right out the gate does not.

To me, a real citation stage means people get at least two payable citations before a tow is even considered. If you cite and tow someone on the same day, that is not a warning system. That is still just towing people.

Paper warnings are not enough either. If someone cannot pay it, clear it, or fix the issue, then what is the point? It just puts them closer to getting towed later.

Secure Parking already gives \$20 fines at Walmart and Sam's Club nearby, so this is not some brand-new thing they need to figure out. They already know how to do it.

And the numbers are wild. From 2022 to 2025, 9,323 vehicles were towed at Ala Wai Harbor, while only 34 citations were issued. That is not balanced.

Please require a citation-first pilot before approving this as-is, and have DOBOR come back with a written plan within two months.

Mahalo,

Norman Acupan, Honolulu Resident

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From CN Wendy GV <wgratedarr@gmail.com>  
Date Tue 7/7/2026 5:13 PM  
To DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

To: [BLNR.Testimony@hawaii.gov](mailto:BLNR.Testimony@hawaii.gov)

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board, my name is Wendy Gibson-Viviani.

For nearly 30 years I have been going to the Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, to sail in the Friday night races, to visit friends who live on their boats and to help out with harbor clean ups and yacht club events. I have enjoyed an occasional free parking space near the lagoon when visiting with our family.

Over the years, parking in the paid spaces has become more difficult to negotiate, especially when trying to add more time to stay in the spot.

While visiting live-aboards or boat-sitting for friends, I would watch the tow trucks line up as 10pm neared and then watched them start hooking up any vehicle they could and haul them off to Sand Island.

I often wondered why the cars were not ticketed, just towed. No warnings. That has never been fair.

I support Kama'aina Boater's proposal ---that Agenda Item J-1 requires Secure Parking to issue a parking fine before any tow.

As DOBOR's own J-1 submittal requires the Board to consider "practicable alternatives." A citation-first pilot at this lot is a practicable alternative — one DOBOR did not consider. A \$20–\$35 parking fine is fair. A \$165–\$250 tow is not.

A real citation stage means at least two payable violations before any tow is authorized. A citation and a tow in the same incident is not a citation stage — it is just a more expensive tow.

DOBOR's proposed paper "warnings" will not work either. A person cannot clear a warning — every warning moves a driver one step closer to a mandatory tow with no way out. The public needs **payable fines** they can actually resolve.

Secure Parking already issues \$20 fines at the nearby Walmart and Sam's Club. They know how to do this. DOBOR/DLNR/BLNR just needs to require it.

The public has been asking for a citation stage for at least four years. This permit was backdated — Secure Parking operated without Board approval for months. The Board extended grace to DOBOR staff. Please extend the same fairness to the public.

Over a four-year period (2022–2025), 9,323 vehicles were towed from Ala Wai Harbor while Secure Parking held the contract. In the same period, DOCARE issued just 34 citations. A

person receiving a parking enforcement action at Ala Wai Harbor had a 99.6% chance of being towed rather than receiving a fine.

Please use your authority as the Land Board to require a citation pilot today and give DOBOR two months to return with a written plan.

Thank you for your consideration of these needed additions.

Wendy Gibson-Viviani

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Founder, OCEAN: Office of Cannabis Education and Nursing.

Former Field Organizer, Drug Policy Forum/Medical Cannabis Coalition of Hawaii.

Member, Education and Research Committee, American Cannabis Nurses Association.

Member, Epilepsy Foundation of Hawai'i Professional Advisory Board.

Member, Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i Community Advisory Board.

Member, Hawai'i Alliance on Cannabis Reform. Member, Hawai'i Association of Professional Nurses.

Member, Americans for Safe Access. Member, Drug Policy Alliance.

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**[EXTERNAL] Agenda Item J-1 for the 7/10/2026 Meeting**

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**From** Haley Greene <haley.greene4@gmail.com>

**Date** Wed 7/8/2026 6:46 AM

**To** DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

My name is Haley, and I go to the Ala Wai Harbor regularly as a surfer and boater. I support Agenda Item J-1 only if the Board requires Secure Parking to issue parking citations before towing.

From 2022 to 2025, Secure Parking towed more than 9,300 vehicles from Ala Wai Harbor, while DOCARE issued just 34 parking citations. Please require a citation-first pilot before approving this permit. Mahalo.

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**From** Yohan Loubry <yohann.loubry@gmail.com>  
**Date** Tue 7/7/2026 5:18 PM  
**To** DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

My name is **Yohan Loubry**. I go to the Ala Wai Harbor frequently for beach activities, specifically to surf and play volleyball.

I support Agenda Item J-1 with one condition: require Secure Parking to issue a parking fine before any tow.

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Mahalo,

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From Manny Pangilinan <mannyaloha@gmail.com>

Date Tue 7/7/2026 5:56 PM

To DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

My name is Emanuel Pangilinan. I go to the Ala Wai Harbor to *surf with my children, photograph surfers, jog the beach park, and fish.*

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*Emanuel Pangilinan*

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From Marisa Pangilinan <marisapangilinan@gmail.com>  
Date Tue 7/7/2026 5:55 PM  
To DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

My name is Marisa Pangilinan. I go to the Ala Wai Harbor to *surf with my children, and photograph them while they surf too!*

I support Agenda Item J-1 with one condition: require Secure Parking to issue a parking fine before any tow.

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Mahalo

*Marisa Pangilinan*

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From Jessica Weaver <jweaver16711@gmail.com>  
Date Wed 7/8/2026 6:15 AM  
To DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

My name is Jessica Weaver and I am a Honolulu resident. I go to the Ala Wai Harbor to surf.

I support Agenda Item J-1 with one condition: require Secure Parking to issue a parking fine before any tow.

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Mahalo

*Jessica Weaver*

*Honolulu, HI 96819*

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From Elizabeth Weitz <elizabethweitz@gmail.com>

Date Wed 7/8/2026 9:30 AM

To DLNR.BLNR.Testimony <blnr.testimony@hawaii.gov>

Aloha Chair Kanaka'ole and Members of the Board,

My name is Elizabeth Weitz. I go to the Ala Wai Harbor to surf.

I support Agenda Item J-1 with one condition: **require Secure Parking to issue a parking fine before any tow.**

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**Finally, given that the public has been asking for this for years, and it is something that Secure Parking knows how to do, and is consistent with parking practices everywhere else - the public would reasonable in concluding that the board wants to harm the public. This creates an antagonistic relationship between government and public. It's in your power to resolve it.**

Mahalo,  
Elizabeth Weitz