

One more committee to go and ***THEY CAN CHANGE IT AGAIN!***

House Bill (HB) 2582 was amended in the Senate WTL Committee and is now called [HB 2582 SD1](#). This version HB 2582 SD1 eliminates the commercial slips from Ala Wai and Keehi Harbors, but changes the way the live aboard rate calculated. Instead of the present flat rate, the live aboard rate would be tied to - and triples the mooring rate. .

Commercialization may come back in the Ways and Means ([WAM](#)) or Conference Committee (CC). And another bill, HB 2741 HD1 SD1 duplicates the live aboard fee section in the bill mentioned earlier and will need YOUR testimony. But more about those issues later.

HB 2741 HD1 now gets a new tail or suffix and is HB 2741 HD1 **SD1**; it goes to committee next, along with HB 2582 **SD1**.

Now what preoccupies those folks who are politically aware – can often be very confusing for folks who are concerned but just tuning in. It's much like watching a movie mystery or the TV program *LOST*, if you don't know who did what to whom and why, in the beginning, you don't know what is to happen next. And oh, by the way, the show is over at the Legislature [April 29th](#) and it has alternative endings. ***You help write the end of the story - even if you do not participate.***

If you don't have time to read this entire email, just skip to the section – “For Senate WAM committee” for what to do for HB 2582 SD1 and HB 2741 HD1 SD1 for their next step at the Ways and Means (WAM) committee.

At this stage of the process, both chambers are considering bills and concurrent resolutions that began life in the opposite chamber. In other words, bills that began in the House (labeled HB) are being considered in Senate committees and those that began in the Senate (labeled SB) are being reviewed by House committees.

After each chamber finishes with the other's bills, any bills that changed along the way ending up that Senate's version is different from the House's version must go to Conference Committee (CC). This CC is made up of members from both the Senate and the House and they must vote on the final text, or language, of a bill. Remember, whatever the final text is may become law, ***if*** the entire Senate and the entire House passes it in their 'floor vote' and ***if*** the governor does NOT veto it.

This year the Senate didn't give the House much to chew up, except one, now known as **SB 1315 SD2 HD1**, it's next assigned to the House [FIN](#) committee. This bill – as currently written - adds an incentive for the enforcement division of DLNR (DOCARE) to really get out there and write tickets because the money from the 'penalties' would now go into their proposed new DOCARE special fund - instead of the other divisions such as Aquatics or Boating as was promised during last summer's public hearing phase when the DLNR added the administrative rules for a new resource violations process ([CRVS](#)). When asked where the money would go, the public was told “to the division whose administrative rule (HAR) was broken”. In other words, if it was a camping violation, the Division of Parks would have gotten the money, if it was a [boating, fishing](#) or ocean recreation violation, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR) would have gotten the money. But now, if this bill passes, all the fines will go into the Enforcement's new special fund. So this bad bill will likely end up in a CC room.

But a funny thing happened to some bills on their [torturous](#) (in every sense of the word) route to the Governor's office. Due to a legal technicality, Clayton Hee's [WTL](#) committee had to change a section of [HB 2741 HD1 SD1](#) originally written to address only commercial boat operators permitting. Without going deeper into discussing the legislative process here, it merely means the testimony you write for HB 2582 SD1 need have to change the header to HB 2741 HD1 SD1 and submit it again.

All these bills HB 2582, HB2741, SB1315 have a high probability of ending up in CC. Plus from last year; HB 1766 ***that includes commercialization*** is still pending at the CC stage. At this stage no public testimony is

taken. However, you, your family and friends, especially those who are constituents may always contact any of the legislators **before the hearing is posted**. In-person contact has the maximum impact. Telephone calls and email also may work. Their office staff is almost always friendly. (scroll down)

For Senate WAM committee:

WAM will post a 48 hour notice with the instructions at the bottom of the notice, on how it will accept testimony – it is easier than ever this year. So please prepare it now. I will be emailing some sample important testimony in advance so you can pick up points, if you want.

A cautionary note, here. Do not simply copy and paste another’s text and try to pass it off as your own. Some legislators have commented that it is very obvious and to them means you didn’t to take the time think about the issue to express yourself. It is treated like a form letter and not given much (if any) weight. Just a point or two in a couple of sentences is all it takes. Keep it short and simple.

If you have any influence with these Senators, live in their districts or have friends or family that live in their district and will call on your behalf - contact the Senators using the information below (underlined, blue links are provided. Just click on them for more info). Ask the Senators to kill (HOLD) HB 2582 *or any other bill that contains the same language*.

The yellow highlighted names are senators who are up for re-election this year. Those senators are especially sensitive to those who live in their districts. *Note: Gary Hooser is running for Lt. Governor.*

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