

Resolution

No. 24-55

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REPAIR THE MĀ'ALAEA SMALL BOAT HARBOR RAMP

WHEREAS, Mā'alaea Small Boat Harbor is a major part of Maui's infrastructure and one of only two harbors in South Maui; and

WHEREAS, the Mā'alaea Small Boat Harbor ramp is the only ramp available in Maui County to non-trailer boat vessels for dry-dock and emergency repair; and

WHEREAS, the Mā'alaea Small Boat Harbor ramp is in disrepair, creating dangers to public safety; and

WHEREAS, recent runoff has created sediment accumulation that has made the ramp unusable for most vessels; and

WHEREAS, the ramp is not safe for the U.S. Coast Guard to launch its small vessels during low tide; and

WHEREAS, a boat in Mā'alaea Harbor is taking on water, but ramp conditions prevent emergency repairs from being made; and

WHEREAS, if this boat remains in the harbor, it could sink, causing marine damage; and

WHEREAS, the Lahaina wildfires underscore the need for a functioning boat ramp for emergency response and emergency vessel removal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it urges the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to repair the Mā'alaea Small Boat Harbor ramp; and
2. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of

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Hawai'i; the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Lieutenant Governor, State of Hawai'i; Dawn N. S. Chang, Esq., Chairperson, Board of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i; Edward Underwood, Administrator, Division of Boating & Ocean Recreation, Department of Land and Natural Resources, State of Hawai'i; Kalei Lu'uwai, Vice Commodore, Mā'alaea Boat and Fishing Club; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr. Mayor, County of Maui.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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ALICE L. LEE