

REPORT TO THE TWENTY THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF

THE STATE OF HAWAII

REGULAR SESSION OF 2005

ON

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 179

**SUBJECT: “REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF, AND
PROVIDE COST ESTIMATES FOR, THE INSTALLATION OF AN
ACCESS ROAD ON THE SOUTHERN END OF KAWAIHAE
HARBOR TO INCREASE ACCESS TO THE SMALL BOAT
HARBOR AND BEACH AREA, AND FOR OTHER HARBOR
IMPROVEMENTS.”**

STATE OF HAWAII
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
DECEMBER 2004

The 2020 Hawaii Commercial Harbors Master Plan calls for an access road to the planned recreational boating facilities at Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor. The Department has worked with the Department of Land and Natural Resources – Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DLNR DBOR) in the preparation of their Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor Masterplan that was completed in December 2003. This document recommends alternative development concepts for the Kawaihae Small Boat Harbor including roadway alignments to service the small boat harbor for recreational use. DOT will continue to work with DLNR, DBOR, and the local community to determine the best location for the security fencing and the access road to the small boat harbor. While the development of the access road and small boat harbor is the responsibility of the DLNR, the security fencing would likely be the shared responsibility of DLNR and DOT.

As of July 2004, the Facility Security Plan for Kawaihae Harbor has been in effect and access continues to be allowed during daylight hours provided the driver has a valid operator's license and the proper documentation for their vehicle (i.e. current registration, safety inspection and proof of insurance).

The following preliminary estimates have been developed based on tentative locations for the security fencing and access road:

1. Surveying the southern end of Kawaihae Harbor - \$50,000
2. Erecting security fencing - \$550,000
3. Constructing an access road to the Small Boat Harbor - \$19,500,000
4. Constructing a bridge over a stream crossing - \$4,500,000