REPORT TO THE TWENTY THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF

THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

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 HAWAI'I
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