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Aloha,

I am writing to request that the LUC, when considering the issue of the Ko Olina boat ramp finally being opened after 7 long years, address the developer's proposed fees for using this ramp.

I note that the ramp is supposed to be open to the public but that the developer's stated intent to charge a daily launch fee of $15 plus a daily parking fee of $10 will effectively exclude much of the general boating public. For a boater who fishes or otherwise takes his/her boat out weekly, that amounts to a $1300 yearly cost on top of fuel, insurance, ice, bait, equipment, and a myriad of other expenses.

This ramp was required as a condition of building the resort so the developer should not be trying to recoup the cost of building it on the backs of the boating public, nor should he be allowed to set unreasonable usage requirements to effectively exclude the public.

The old Ko Olina ramp required a one time $25 registration fee for access. If that was sufficient then, why is it not sufficient now?

I ask the LUC to hold the developer to the original intent of making a boat ramp available to the general public, not exclusively for those who can afford it.

Mahalo,
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