

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 17, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2130
H.D. 1

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2130 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's harbors by:

- (1) Establishing a Harbor Land Commission (Commission) to identify and designate lands that are important for present and future harbor operations; and
- (2) Restrict the use of lands that are designated as important harbor lands to maritime use.

ILWU Local 142, Horizon Lines, LLC, Norwegian Cruise Line, and NCL America testified in support of this bill. Alexander and Baldwin, Inc. and Young Brothers, Limited supported the intent of this measure. The Department of Transportation did not support this bill.

Hawaii relies upon its harbors for the movement of cargo between the islands and to and from the rest of the world. Honolulu Harbor serves as the main lifeline of cargo and commerce for the State of Hawaii. Your Committee finds that harbor lands are a finite resource and that cargo space at Hawaii's harbors is at a premium. New harbor space needs to be found and present cargo space needs to be conserved. Hawaii's economic

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sustainability depends upon the effectiveness and efficiency of its harbor system, and the establishment of the Commission will help ensure that this valuable resource and economic lifeline is protected.

Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2050, to facilitate further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2130, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2130, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation,



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



