

Honolulu, Hawaii
Feb 8, 2006

RE: H.B. No. 2927
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 Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which
was referred H.B. No. 2927 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to manage commercial activities
that create or threaten to create negative impacts on public
health or the environment, or result in user conflicts, by
requiring the chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural
Resources (DLNR) to adopt rules necessary to determine the number
of commercial permits issued for these commercial activities in
any near-shore areas under DLNR's jurisdiction, or originating
from privately operated facilities.

DLNR and a concerned individual testified in support of this
measure. The Hawaii Boaters Political Action Association
supported the intent of this measure. Maui Dive Shop, Lahaina
Divers Inc., Maui-Molokai Sea Cruises, Trilogy Excursions, Ocean
Tourism Coalition, and Aqua Lung Pacific opposed this bill.

Your Committee recognizes that activities allowed in state-
controlled near-shore areas is a statewide issue that must be
discussed in the context of environmental and economic
sustainability. A balance should be struck between the
recreational and commercial uses of these near-shore areas.



Your Committee has amended this bill by:

- (1) Changing its effective date to July 1, 2020, 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 Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2927, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2927, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



