

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 15, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2360
S.D. 2

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 S.B. No. 2360, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GROUNDED VESSELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to protect Hawaii's natural environment by requiring:

- (1) Vessels grounded on state submerged lands, shorelines, or coral reefs to be removed immediately by the owner or operator of the vessel at their expense;
- (2) Vessels grounded on a sand beach, sandbar, or mudflat and not in imminent danger of breaking up to be removed within 72 hours, unless otherwise agreed to by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR); and
- (3) Vessel owners or operators to assume sole responsibility for damage to state or private property caused by a grounded vessel.

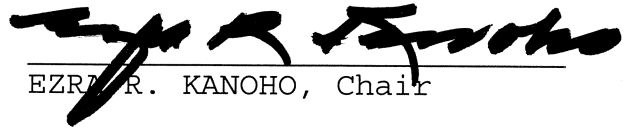
This bill also establishes provisions for DLNR to assume control of certain grounded vessels.

DLNR, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and a concerned individual testified in support of this bill.



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 S.B. No. 2360, S.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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


EZRA R. KANOHO, Chair



