

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2309

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 17

, 2006

RE: S.B. No. 2150

Honorable Robert Bunda
President of the Senate
Twenty-Third State Legislature
Regular Session of 2006
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Business and Economic Development and Water, Land, and Agriculture, to which was referred S.B. No. 2150 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO BOATING,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Department of Taxation to deposit an amount equivalent to ten percent of the general excise tax revenues received from the direct revenues generated by the ocean recreation industry during the preceding fiscal year into the boating special fund.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure from the Hawaii Government Employees Association, the Ala Wai Marina Community Association, the Hawaii Boaters Political Action Association, and two private individuals. Testimony in opposition of this measure was received by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Department of Taxation. The Tax Foundation of Hawaii submitted comments.

The dilapidated condition of the small boat harbors in the State can be attributed in large part to an inadequate revenue stream to fund repair and maintenance projects. The ocean recreation industry benefits from the small boat harbors. The small boat harbors will gain financial assistance for repair and maintenance projects by requiring the Department of Taxation to deposit a portion of the general excise tax revenues the ocean recreation industry generates into the boating special fund. Your Committees have heard the concerns regarding establishing a



boating special fund and are reporting this measure out to facilitate further discussion by the Committee on Ways and Means.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Business and Economic Development and Water, Land, and Agriculture that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2150 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the members of the Committees on Business and Economic Development and Water, Land, and Agriculture,



RUSSELL S. KOKUBUN, Chair




WILL ESPERO, Chair



The Senate
Twenty-Third Legislature
State of Hawaii

Record of Votes of the
Committee on Water, Land and Agriculture
(Bills and Resolutions)

Measure:* SB2150	Committee Referral: BED/WCA, WAM	Date: 2/13/06		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure. If so, then the previous decision was to: _____				
The Recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (2312) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (2311) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold (2310) <input type="checkbox"/> Recommit (2313)				
Members	Ayes	Ayes(WR)	Nays	Excused
KOKUBUN, Russell S. (C)	✓			
HOOSER, Gary L. (VC)	✓			
ENGLISH, J. Kalani				✓
FUKUNAGA, Carol	✓			
HEMMINGS, Fred			✓	
TOTAL	3		1	1
Recommendation: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted				
Chair's or Designee's Signature: 				
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*Do not list more than one measure per Record of Votes.