

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 14, 2008

RE: S.B. No. 2196
S.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2008
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred S.B. No. 2196, S.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ON OCEAN WATERS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to authorize the Board of Land and Natural Resources to regulate commercially permitted uses of both governmental and private boating facilities, and commercial activity in private marinas.

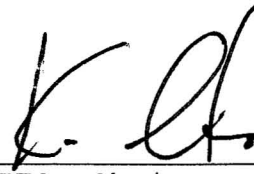
The Ocean Tourism Coalition and numerous concerned individuals testified in support of this bill. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) and a concerned individual provided comments.

Your Committee notes that the commercial activity covered by this bill is limited to activities engaged in for compensation, such as those providing guide services, charters, tours, and transportation to and from the location or locations for which such services are provided, and is not meant to include commercial fishing activity, which is already regulated by DLNR.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, Ocean Resources & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2196, 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 & Hawaiian Affairs,



KEN ITO, Chair



