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TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

HB NO. 2919, RELATING TO AIR POLLUTION CONTROL

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

While the Department of Transportation supports efforts to reduce air pollution, we feel that further study is necessary before action is taken to implement legislation on this matter.

The Harbors Division has been working with the Department of Health (DOH) on air pollution control. As a result of this collaborative effort, air quality monitoring equipment has been placed within Nawiliwili Harbor to gather data. Additionally, meetings have been held with the Department of Health and the cruiselines to seek solutions and to address community concerns. We note that NCL America already uses low sulfur fuel on its Hawaii based ships.

This bill is premature until more data and information is obtained to determine the specific legislative actions needed to address these concerns.