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Statement of  
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before the

**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
AND  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY  
AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
10:30 AM

State Capitol, Conference Room 312

in consideration of  
**HB 1141**

**RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT OPERATION.**

Chairs Manahan and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Tokioka and Choy and Committee members.

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) supports HB1141, which proposes to authorize certain operations approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to utilize thrill craft in non-designated areas. DBEDT strongly supports this measure.

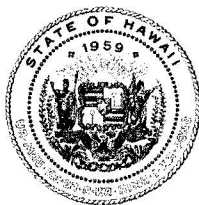
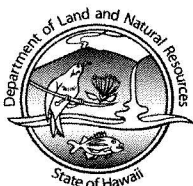
Currently, Section 200-37(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), only allows individuals to operate thrill craft in designated areas of state waters. DBEDT defers to DLNR on the substantive matters with regard to operating thrill craft in non-designated areas by state personnel. We are in wholehearted support of the section of this bill that proposes to allow authorized film production permit holders to conduct operations approved by DLNR in non-designated areas. Currently, the use of jet skis for film shoots is limited to water safety usage. This exemption in this measure would allow the use of jet skis as picture vessels, for transport of cast and crew members and for use for camera positioning. As a filming location, Hawaii has a global reputation especially for its pristine waters and world-class surf. For this reason a significant number of local and off-shore productions film in Hawaiian waters annually and have given rise to some of the best water safety experts the film industry has ever known. And as film shoots are temporary in nature, DBEDT does not foresee a negative impact to the public or an adverse effect on the natural environment. Of course, DBEDT would work in conjunction with DLNR to establish Administrative Rules governing the issuance of film permits for the use of jet skis in non-designated areas.

The DBEDT urges passage of this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on this measure.

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GOVERNOR OF HAWAII



**STATE OF HAWAII  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

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**Testimony of  
LAURA H. THIELEN  
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committees on  
TOURISM, CULTURE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
and  
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, AND MILITARY AFFAIRS**

**Tuesday, March 3, 2009  
10:30 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312**

**In consideration of  
HOUSE BILL 1141  
RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT OPERATION**

House Bill 1141 proposes to authorize government operations and film permit holders approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department), to utilize thrill craft in non-designated areas. The Department strongly supports this Administrative measure.

Currently, section 200-37(c), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), only allows individuals to operate thrill craft in designated areas of state waters. The statute is silent with regard to operating thrill craft in non-designated areas by state personnel. Thrill craft have proven to be an effective tool for monitoring natural resources and providing public safety. Jet skis are used by county lifeguards and due to their minimal draft and jet drive systems, are able to access areas that boats are unable to operate in.

Specifically jet skis can be used to access shallow near-shore areas to monitor the effect of newly implemented ban on the use of lay gill nets around Maui. These lay gill net fishing areas are normally characterized by rough very shallow waters, making the maneuvering by boat difficult or unsafe. Jet skis will allow Department staff to move around in shallow reef flats and conduct shallow water fish and habitat surveys. Surveys of opihi may also require the use of jet ski's as Department staff will need to access remote shorelines, rugged coastal areas where opihi populations would need to be assessed. Other valuable uses include water quality mapping efforts whereby the jet ski moves over shallow nearshore waters, and a series of Geographic Information System (GIS) linked instruments record salinity, temperature, depth, etc. and then record those data in relation to spatial GIS coordinates. A preliminary trial has shown this to be a very efficient way to map out submarine ground water inputs to the coastline.

**LAURA H. THIELEN**  
CHAIRPERSON  
BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

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Thus this bill would allow authorized government personnel conducting operations approved by the Department to operate thrill craft in non-designated areas for official government business. The Hawaii Film Office (Film Office) has requested an exemption be placed within section 200-37(c), HRS, to allow authorized film production conducting operations approved by the Department, to operate thrill craft in non-designated areas. Currently, the use of jet skis for film shoots is limited to water safety. This exemption would allow the use of jet skis as picture vessels, for transport of cast and crew and for use for camera positioning. As film shoots are temporary in nature, the Department does not foresee an adverse impact to the public or the marine environment. The Department and the Film Office through the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism have a close working relationship as it pertains to facilitating film production on state lands. Both departments recognize film production as a clean industry that stimulates the economy by providing well paying jobs for Hawaii's people and a positive exposure for the state. As the Department recognizes Hawaii's unique scenic qualities play a major part in attracting filming in the Islands, the Department concurs with the Film Office's request, and has proposed amending section 200-37(c), HRS, accordingly.

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## Amy Luke

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**From:** mailinglist@capitol.hawaii.gov  
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Testimony for TCI/EBM 3/3/2009 10:30:00 AM HB1141

Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
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Phone: 243-5294  
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Submitted on: 3/2/2009

**Comments:**

This proposed legislation is critical in order to allow the DLNR to better survey nearshore resources, and to effectively assess the effectiveness of current and potential future management efforts. Jet ski's have been proven to be very effective tools allowing resource managers to access shallow nearshore areas safely and without damaging fragile coral reef habitats. This is because they have very shallow drafts and use jet propulsion rather than spinning props.

I am currently in charge of the marine fish and habitat monitoring project on Maui and we have recently developed specific fish surveys designed to look into the effectiveness of the recent lay gill-net rules. In order to get into the areas that were heavily gill net fished, will require that we are exempt from current thrill craft rules which prevent jet-ski's from being within 3000 feet from shore at most of the important study locations on Maui. Other uses of jet-ski's for resource assessment include water quality measurements and mapping efforts, as well as possible opihi assessment efforts along Maui's rugged rocky coastlines.

Please consider this testimony and feel free to contact me regarding the importance of this legislation. Jet-ski's are critical tools that are important to help our monitoring staff work safely and efficiently while managing Hawaii's nearshore marine resources.

Thank you,  
Russell Sparks,  
Division of Aquatic Resources, Maui Office

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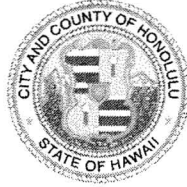
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Testimony of Walea Constantinou, Film Commissioner  
Honolulu Film Office - Office of the Mayor  
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HOUSE COMMITTEES ON  
TOURISM, CULTURE AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS and  
ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS & MILITARY AFFAIRS

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RE: HB 1141 - RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT OPERATIONS

Dear Chairs Manahan and McKelvey, Vice-chairs Tokioka and Choy and members of the committee:

I **strongly support HB 1141** which would allow for authorized use of thrill craft, also known as jet skis, in non-designated areas.

One of the things that sets Hawaii apart from other production destinations and could give us a competitive advantage is our stunning ocean environment and some of the best watermen in the world. Our ability to support water-based production has been challenging because of the lack of clarity in the law. It's been quite frustrating when all parties, the DLNR included, have the desire to allow jet ski use but because of omissions in the text of the law, are not able to do so. The proposed measure would correct this. I respectfully request that you adopt this measure to help solve this dilemma.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Stephanie Spangler  
Hawaii Film Authority, Inc.  
[REDACTED]  
Honolulu, HI 96821  
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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION, BUSINESS, & MILITARY AFFAIRS  
**RE: HB 1141 (Companion SB959) Relating to Thrill Craft Operation**  
March 3, 2009 – 10:30 am  
State Capitol  
Conference Room 312  
FAX 586-6271

Dear Rep.. Joey Manaha, Chair, Vice Chair James Tokioka, Chair Angus McKelvey, Vice Chair Isaac Choy and members of the committee:

**I am in strong support of HB 1141 RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT OPERATION** which seeks to authorizes government personnel conducting operations approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and film permit holders involved in film production conducting operations approved by the Department to operate thrill crafts in non-designated areas.

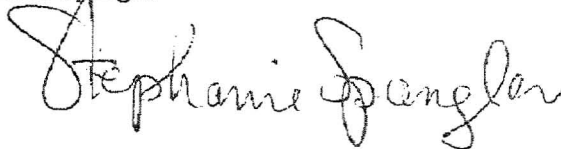
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Anytime any water work is filmed, be it boating, surfing, or swimming using actors or extras in the water the use of professional companies providing water safety via "Thrill craft" jet boats or jet skis is of the utmost importance. It is the film company's responsibility to provide this safety measure from a liability standpoint for the safety of the motion picture actors or extras and water crew. In an ocean emergency it has been proven time and again that the rapid response provided by these teams on jet skis is the difference of life and death or severe long term disability.

**I urge you to pass HB 1141.**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Stephanie Spangler



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Stuart "Randy" Spangler

Honolulu, HI 96816

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**I urge you to pass HB 1141.**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Stuart "Randy" Spangler

*Stuart R. (Randy) Spangler  
 Soc. mgr. on Lost, Pearl Harbor, Blue crush, etc.*

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RE: HB 1141 – RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT OPERATIONS

Dear Chairs Manahan and McKelvey, Vice Chairs Tokioka and Choy and members of the committee:

The Hawaii Film and Entertainment Board, whose members include all of Hawaii's film unions, film commissions and leading industry associations, thank the legislature for its strong support of Hawaii's film industry. **We strongly support HD 1141** which seeks allow for authorized use of thrill craft in non-designated areas by permit holders.

One of the reasons production entities come to film in Hawaii is our expertise at water-based filming given our environment. Logistical and creative factors dictate where water scenes must be filmed, most of which are in non-designated thrill craft areas.

Thrill craft, also known as jet skis, are one of the most effective water safety devices employed today, and as such are used as primary marine safety and camera platform devices around the world. This measure would allow safety personnel the flexibility to use the most effective tools necessary to keep production personnel safe while filming water-based scenes.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

Brenda Ching  
Chair





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**I urge you to pass HB 1141.**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,



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**Amy Luke**

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Testimony for TCI/EBM 3/3/2009 10:30:00 AM HB1141

Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: oppose  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kalana Best  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Kailua, Hawaii  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 2/26/2009

**Comments:**

I vehemently oppose this bill which will, as I understand it, allow the film industry to use jet skis almost anywhere in our offshore waters. As a kamaaina who grew up and continues to live near Kailua Beach, I have already seen and heard the effects of jet skis and other thrill craft being used near the shore. They are a danger to recreational users of the bay, as well as its wildlife (honu) and coral. They also threaten the coral and peaceful environment of the bay. PLEASE VOTE NO TO HB1411.

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**Amy Luke**

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Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: paul ehman  
Organization: Individual  
Address: [REDACTED] haiku, hi 96708  
Phone: 8 [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 3/2/2009

Comments:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM, CULTURE, & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
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**I urge you to pass HB 1141.**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

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**Amy Luke**

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Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Ann Fielding  
Organization: Individual  
Address: Haiku, HI  
Phone:  
E-mail: a [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 2/27/2009

Comments:  
I propose an amendment deleting subsection 4 relating to the film industry.

**Amy Luke**

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Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Pauline Fiene  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 2/28/2009

**Comments:**  
I support an amendment deleting subsection 4 relating to the film industry.

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**I urge you to pass HB 1141.**

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,



DUSTIN GOMES

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Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Kecia Joy  
Organization: Individual  
Address: [REDACTED] Kihei HI  
Phone: [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 3/2/2009

**Comments:**

The ability for DLNR to use Jet Skis year round to conduct studies will help in a number of ways as an example to be able to measure the effects of the lay net ban, and also to look at Opihi populations. The current permits do not allow for continuous year round use, and so this is an important bill to get passed.

I am also proposing an amended version of the bill, deleting subsection 4 relating to the film industry so this won't cause problems for the reefs.

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**Amy Luke**

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Conference room: 312  
Testifier position: support  
Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Angela Laprete  
Organization: Individual  
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E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 2/28/2009

Comments:

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Hearing for House of Representatives  
March 3, 2009 – 10:30am  
State Capitol, Conference Room 312  
Re: HB 1141 - Relating to Thrill Craft Operation

Dear members of the committee:

**I strongly support HB 1141**, which authorizes government personnel conducting operations approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and film permit holders involved in film production conducting operations approved by the Department to operate thrill crafts in non-designated areas.

I have worked in the film industry in Hawaii for over 20 years as a Production and Location Manager on projects ranging from large studio feature films and commercials to small travel shows. What many of these projects share is a desire to shoot on or in the ocean. Many times our preferred ocean location is determined by weather or surf conditions.

Unlike commercial operators who are daily escorting tourists to the same ocean area where they have a permit) we are permitting for a one time use of a location based on our script. But because of the present language in the rules we have been lumped into the 'commercial' catch-all category and too often find ourselves in a struggle down to the wire to obtain the necessary approvals. This bill will make the change both DLNR and our industry have needed and wanted for years.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Mick  
Honolulu

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Testifier will be present: No  
Submitted by: Stann W. Reiziss, Ph.D.  
Organization: Individual  
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Phone: [REDACTED]  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 2/26/2009

**Comments:**

There are many sound reasons why jet skis do not belong in Kailua Bay ... with the exception of emergency responses.

Turtles, deep water swimmers, noise exacerbated by the prevailing winds, coral, surfer and boogie boarders, paddle boarders.

Putting "the film industry" label on the jet skis does absolutely nothing to mitigate these environmental safety and esthetic factors.

Stann Reiziss, Ph.D.

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**Amy Luke**

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Submitted by: Cecelia Romero  
Organization: Individual  
Address:  
Phone:  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Submitted on: 2/27/2009

**Comments:**  
I propose an amendment to delete subsection 4 relating to the film industry.

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**Amy Luke**

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**Comments:**

Since Hawaii is an island state, much filming takes place on the water.  
Hawaii is also home to legendary water safety personnel.  
However, there is GREAT restrictions as to where waterwork can take place.....and the use of jet ski/jet boat for safety is severely limited.  
In addition, the request to use a jet ski as a camera platform is illegal at this point in time, and is always requested.

The film industry of Hawaii seeks your assistance.  
Please support HB 1141.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**Amy Luke**

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**Comments:**

Recommendation for amendment, please remove the wording for the Film Industry, as it is, they can get permits from the DLNR if they need to, we don't want the Film Industry wreaking havoc in sensitive areas.

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**Amy Luke**

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Submitted on: 2/27/2009

**Comments:**

I propose an amendment deleting subsection 4, relating to the film industry. They do not need year round access - they are already able to get permits on an "as needed" basis.

Thank you!

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Committee: **TCI/EBM**  
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March 2, 2009 Testimony

Testimony in Opposition to HB1141 Relating to Thrill Craft Operation

Description: authorizing government personnel conducting operations approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) and film permit holders involved in film production conducting operation approved by the Department to operate thrill craft in non-designated areas.

Kailua Bay is a family use beach that is calmer and shallower than many other beaches on Oahu and in the State of Hawaii. Thrill Craft has been opposed by the community since their introduction in the early 1970s as an inappropriate use of Kailua Bay.

Emergency Personnel and Lifeguards are allowed the use of jet skis for the sole purpose of emergency rescue response.

Bay users, swimmers and snorkelers access the bay from the beach sand to Flat Island and from the North Beach to Lanikai.

Other deeper water users, including swimmers and endangered turtles, traverse the area of Kailua Bay.

The film industry must respect the use of Kailua Bay as a family oriented beach and a haven for endangered species.

Kailua Bay is not suitable for jet skis or any thrill craft.

Kailua Bay must be protected from the hazards of injury and death to persons and endangered species.

Vote no on HB1141 and save Kailua Beach from unsafe practices by the film industry.

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