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LATE TESTIMONY

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House of Representatives
Committee on Water, Land, and Ocean Resources,

Committee Members,

This testimony is in support of House Bill 1198, amending the definition of "sailing school vessel" to require the vessel to have a valid certificate of inspection (COI) from the United States Coast Guard. Marimed Foundation is a Hawai'i Not-for-Profit Organization that has owned and operated Sailing School Vessels in Hawai'i for more than 20 years. We provide sail training to a variety of populations, mostly children and adolescents, but adults of all ages as well, in and around the Hawaiian islands on a year round schedule. Our Vessel, *Makani Olu*, is inspected by the United States Coast Guard as a Sailing School Vessel under Title 46, Subchapter R of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). We are members of the American Sail Training Association (ASTA) and the Association for Experiential Education (AEE), we are also nationally accredited for all of our programs and services through the Council on Accreditation (COA). We strongly support this bill clarifying the language of sailing to school vessels so as to meet the industry standard, and to recognize and protect those that have gone through the lengthy process of first attaining their COI, and later the tedious maintenance of the COI through annual inspections and equipment upgrades.

I will try to appear in person, but please accept this testimony in support of HB 1198.

Mahalo,

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"Water . . . makes possible the integrity of the self, and water changes self to other. It is the element of individuation and the element of dissolution. In between, as universal ritual testifies, it is the symbol of becoming and of conversion: from the waters of baptism to the washing of the corpse, water is present in rites signaling change of state and in stories of such change." Haskell Springer