

Honolulu, Hawaii  
March 2, 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2589  
H.D. 2

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2012  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VESSELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to clarify responsibility for the disposing of abandoned vessels within the State by, among other things:

- (1) Authorizing a state agency or department, through its director to determine whether a vessel on public property within its jurisdiction is deemed abandoned and direct and cause the vessel to be taken into custody and disposed of;
- (2) Authorizing a county, through its mayor, the mayor's designee, or the county chief of police to determine whether a vessel on public property within the county's jurisdiction is deemed abandoned and cause the vessel to be taken into custody and disposed of;
- (3) Stating that all vessels abandoned on private property shall be the responsibility of the private property owner;
- (4) Amending the definition of an "abandoned vessel";




- (5) Requiring the Department of Land Natural Resources to provide each county with access to vessel registration or marine document records; and
- (6) Specifying that a county's responsibility under this measure will commence when the Department of Land and Natural Resources or the United States Coast Guard provides access to its vessel registration or marine document records or January 1, 2013, whichever is earlier.

The City and County of Honolulu Department of Parks and Recreation; the City and County of Honolulu Department of Facility Maintenance; the City and County of Honolulu Department of Customer Services, Division of Motor Vehicle, Licensing and Permits; and a few individuals opposed this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2589, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Finance,

  
MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



