

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 400 -12

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 15 , 2012

RE: H.B. No. 2613

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation, to which was referred H.B. No. 2613 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to assist the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation in more efficiently implementing needed maritime projects by exempting submerged lands within the State commercial harbors system from the permit and site plan approval requirements as they relate to submerged lands contained within a conservation district.

The Department of Transportation and Land Use Research Foundation of Hawaii testified in support of this measure. The Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Historic Hawai'i Foundation testified in opposition to this measure. The Building Industry Association of Hawaii provided comments.

As an island state, and one of the most isolated land masses in the world, Hawaii relies on its harbors to serve as a lifeline for the transportation of goods between our State and the rest of the world with approximately 98 percent of goods imported into Hawaii passing through the State's commercial harbors annually. Unlike most areas in the continental United States, long-distance, land-based transportation of goods is not an option in Hawaii. As such, significant impacts to facility operations and delivery of goods can occur if necessary capital projects are not completed or

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harbor facilities are not maintained or rehabilitated in a timely manner due to permit delays.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2613 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources.

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



JOSEPH M. SOUKI, Chair



State of Hawaii
House of Representatives
The Twenty-sixth Legislature

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Record of Votes of the Committee on Transportation

Bill/Resolution No.: HB 2613	Committee Referral: TRN, WLO	Date: 2/13/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
TRN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. SOUKI, Joseph M. (C)	/			
2. ICHIYAMA, Linda (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty	/			
5. LEE, Marilyn B.				/
6. LUKE, Sylvia	/			
7. OKAMURA, Tom				
8. SAIKI, Scott K.		/		
9. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
10. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
11. FONTAINE, George R.	/			
12. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
TOTAL (12)	9	1		1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <div style="text-align: center; font-size: 10pt;">committee acronym(s)</div>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: <u><i>Linda Ichiyama</i></u>				
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