

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 22, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2850
S.D. 1
H.D. 1

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred S.B. No. 2850, S.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GROUNDED VESSELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to shorten the length of time within which a vessel owner can immediately remove a vessel that is grounded on a coral reef or is in imminent danger of breaking up, or the Department of Land and Natural Resources will be able to assume control of and remove the vessel.

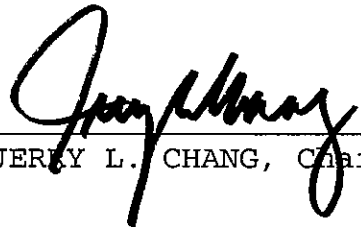
The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Ocean Tourism Coalition, and an individual testified in support of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by permitting the Department of Land and Natural Resources to assume control of any vessel that is grounded on coral reef or in imminent danger of breaking up, which the owner cannot immediately remove within 24 hours provided that the Department shows that it assumed control no less than 24 hours upon providing notice to the vessel owner or the owner's representative.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 2850, S.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2850, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,



JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



