

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 5, 2012

RE: S.B. No. 2850
S.D. 1
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 S.B. No. 2850, S.D. 1, H.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 permit 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 is unable to remove within 24 hours of notification by the Department.

The Ocean Tourism Coalition supported this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources commented on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

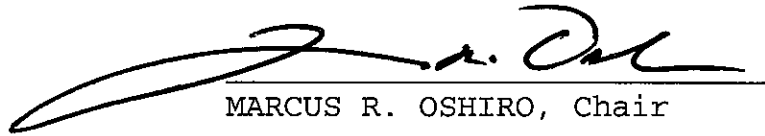
- (1) Permitting the Department of Land and Natural Resources to assume control of the grounded vessel if the Department has made good faith efforts to provide actual notice of the grounding to the vessel's owner or the owner's representative and the notice is futile; and
- (2) Exempting from these provisions an owner or an owner's representative who has:



- (A) Received actual notification from the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
- (B) Commenced effective salvage operations.

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 S.B. No. 2850, S.D. 1, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as S.B. No. 2850, S.D. 1, H.D. 2.

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



MARCUS R. OSHIRO, Chair



