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**Testimony of
WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.
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**Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY**

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**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2587
RELATING TO SAILING SCHOOL VESSELS**

House Bill 2587 amends the definition of "sailing school vessel" to mean, among other things, a vessel that is in compliance with the Federal Code of Regulations, Title 46, Part 169. The Department of Land and Natural Resources strongly supports this Administration measure.

Federal Code of Regulations, Title 46, Part 169, governs sailing school vessels. Although the State recognizes the Federal Code, the definition of "sailing school vessel" within Section 200-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, does not make any reference to the specific Federal Code itself. For the sake of formal recognition in state law, this bill amends the definition of "sailing school vessel" to mean, among other things, a vessel that is in compliance with the Federal Code of Regulations, Title 46, Part 169.

This bill would ensure legitimacy of sailing school vessels operating in Hawaii, by way of having to meet the federal requirements and ensure consistency between state and federal law in regulating sailing school vessels.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.