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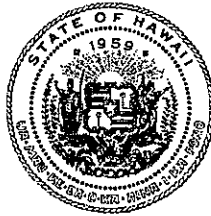
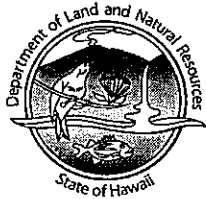
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Testimony for WLO 1/30/2012 9:15:00 AM HB2589

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**Testimony of**  
**WILLIAM J. AILA, JR.**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on**  
**WATER, LAND & OCEAN RESOURCES**

**Monday, January 30, 2012**  
**9:15 A.M.**  
**State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 2589**  
**RELATING TO VESSELS**

House Bill 2589 seeks to clarify responsibility for disposing of abandoned vessels within the State and amend the description of an abandoned vessel. The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this Administration measure.

Generally, current statutes place the burden of disposal of all abandoned vessels on the Department, regardless of whether the vessels lie abandoned on public lands under another agency's jurisdiction or on private lands. The Department has the ability to take boats off reefs, but has no equipment or expertise to remove abandoned boats on public streets or other fast lands. The disposition is both costly and time-consuming for the Department. This bill clarifies that the Department shall only be responsible for the disposition of vessels abandoned on lands and waters under its jurisdiction and release the Department from having to pay for the disposing of abandoned vessels on lands and waters not under its jurisdiction.

Section 200-51, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), specifically provides that when any person abandons a vessel upon the premises of a vessel repair business, a private marina, or a yacht club, the owner of the business or private marina, or the owner's representative, or the designated representative of the yacht club, may sell or dispose of the vessel in accordance with Part IV of Chapter 200, HRS. This bill proposes to expand the authority to sell or dispose of a vessel abandoned on other private property to the owners of the other private property.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



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### Speaking in Support

RE: HB 2589

Chair Representative Chang, Vice Chair Representative Har and Members of the Water, Land, Oceans Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition. The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. We appreciate the efforts being made by the Legislature in addressing the problem of derelict vessels occupying valuable space in the Small Boat Harbors, Off Shore Moorage areas, or private property.

We believe this bill will go a long way in resolving this issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 808-870-9115.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President