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Comments:

Aloha. Papa Ola Lokahi, the Native Hawaiian Health Board, does not have a position on this measure except to indicate that there may be requirements within 46CFR169 which are not applicable to traditional Pacific Islands' voyaging canoes such as the Hokule`a, Hawai`iloa, and other such sailing vessels. We would suggest that language be added to this measure to protect the abilities of our traditional voyaging canoes to continue to be considered as "sailing school vessels." The Polynesian Voyaging Society and the Friends of Hokule`a and Hawai`iloa and others play critical roles in the education of our people in Hawai`i and in the Pacific and in the perpetuation of traditional voyaging and wayfinding. Thank you