

SB2906

RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT.

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**Testimony of
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**Before the Senate Committees on
WATER, LAND & HOUSING**

**Thursday, February 23, 2012
1:30 P.M.
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2906
RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT**

Senate **Bill 2906** proposes to allow thrill craft to be used to conduct ocean cleanup activities and requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to adopt rules to implement the act. **The Department supports this measure.**

With the advance in technology, personal watercraft have become a valuable tool when dealing with issues in the near shore waters of the State. They are used by lifeguards, fire departments, and state agencies due to their ability to operate in very shallow water with no threat to the natural resource due to being jet driven. The Department recommends that the word "provided" in line 15, page 1 of the bill be amended to "authorized".

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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From: rznail@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 19, 2012 1:29 PM
To: WLH Testimony
Subject: Fwd: Frank Ruiz/Blue Planet plan

This is the testimony I will be giving on Feb.23 for bill # SB2906 from Frank Ruiz ph# 341-4262

-----Original Message-----

From: rznail <rznail@aol.com>
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Sent: Sun, Dec 11, 2011 4:20 pm
Subject: Frank Ruiz/Blue Planet plan

Hello,

OCEAN CLEAN-UP USING JET SKI'S ,BOATS,RADIOS,UNDERWATER CAMERAS,GPS;

I Frank Ruiz volunteer to start this new Division of Ocean Cleanup ,at my own expense ,to begin an organization that could truly have an impact on the coming trash from the Japan Tsunami ,and on getting a handle on the abuse of our own residents

DANGERS IN THE WATER:

Plastic bags in the water look like jelly fish ,Turtles favorite food,they eat them and die....I always pick them up when Jet Skiing ,that's what started this,I also found 2 huge abandon drift nets ,one at Makua and one by ST. Johns road...,I reported them with my hand radio to the coast guard and waited till they got there .it was good.I also assisted on 2 occasions divers who were in trouble ,one was out of air and trying to make it to shore,and the other had a full net and a broken float .These are just a couple of the many things that happen out there....that we could help with.

WHAT I WANT TO START

Fly a Blue Planet flag so the lifeguards will know who it is and have radio contact with them, and be able to scour the inner coastline to pick up bags and look for where trash has collected:
Have radios,cell phones,underwater cameras,GPS capability

WHAT I SEE IN THE FUTURE :

I took a class with Sam Pai to get registered for my jet ski & I took the second class for tow in surfing.....I see a third class to register volunteers as Blue Planet or DLNR participants .To inform and certify them of our plan ,I don't want this privilege abused,we will have to work out the do's and don't of this new idea,because we will be coming close to shore.I would say 10 miles per hour tops..I don't want any show offs or big heads.We will need the help of boats to help with the clean up once we have found it.if it's to big.And a plan of where to tow it to,then someone on land to scoop it up and haul it away.

I can see this starting out in Waianae.....going island wide and then state wide & with all the best intension's....to clean the Ocean...with the Good Lord's help Nation wide,....

with the utmost sincerity.....Frank Ruiz 696-1639 or 341-4262 86-210 Leihua st Waianae HI 96792



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Testifier will be present: No
Submitted by: Carl Jellings Sr
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Comments:
Honorable Senator's WLH

In Support

Wind blown Plastic bags in the marine environment is an ongoing growing problem, we do what we can when we can to collect some of these bags while underway. a ski is as maneuverable as it gets to doing anything like this at sea. The impact of these ski's should be negligible as long as it's Captains/operators are environmentally sensitive.

Mahalo Carl Pao Jellings Sr