

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

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Honolulu, Hawaii

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RE: S.B. No. 319

Honorable Donna Mercado Kim
President of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Madam:

Your Committees on Water and Land and Energy and Environment,
to which was referred S.B. No. 319 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to allow the use of
thrill craft to conduct ocean cleanup, as authorized by rules of
the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committees received testimony in support of this measure
from the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Marine and
Coastal Zone Advocacy Council (Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai), and one
individual.

Your Committees find that with the advance of technology,
thrill crafts, also known as personal watercrafts, have become a
valuable tool when dealing with issues in the near shore waters of
the State. These watercrafts are used by lifeguards, search and
rescue units, and state agencies to operate in very shallow water
without little threat to natural resources.

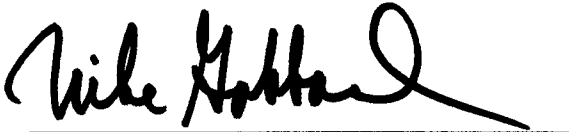
Your Committees recognize that thrill craft can be a very
effective tool to clean up debris in near shore waters, such as
pervasive plastic bags, and particularly with the anticipated
onslaught of various sized debris from the 2012 Japan tsunami.
However, your Committees are concerned that the use of thrill
craft may inordinately interfere with the activities of fisherman
who earn their living fishing in the same waters in which thrill
craft operate. For this reason, your Committees note that their



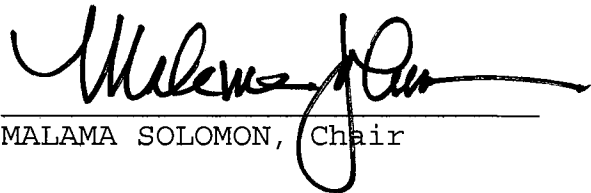
intent in recommending passage of this measure is that the Department of Land and Natural Resources incorporate into its rules an accommodation for fishermen and seek their input accordingly in the rule-making process.

As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Water and Land and Energy and Environment that are attached to this report, your Committees are in accord with the intent and purpose of S.B. No. 319 and recommend that it pass Second Reading and be placed on the calendar for Third Reading.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Water and Land
and Energy and Environment,



MIKE GABBARD, Chair



MALAMA SOLOMON, Chair



