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Before the House Committee on
CONSUMER PROTECTION & COMMERCE

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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 319, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT

Senate Bill 319, House Draft 1 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 watercrafts 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.

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