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**Testimony of  
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**Before the House Committees on  
ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION  
and  
OCEAN, MARINE RESOURCES, & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Thursday, March 14, 2013  
8:30 A.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 319  
RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT**

Senate Bill 319 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.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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