

# SB 319

RELATING TO THRILL CRAFT.

Allows thrill craft to be used to conduct ocean cleanup activities. Requires the department of land and natural resources to adopt rules to implement such use of thrill craft.

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and  
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**Tuesday, January 29, 2013  
2:15 P.M.  
State Capitol, Conference Room 225**

**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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**James E. Coon Councilmember**

### **Speaking in Support of SB 319**

My name is James E. Coon, charter member of MACZAC. I speak in **Support of SB 319**

MACZAC Ke Kahu O Na Kumu Wai is very concerned about ocean debris. Jet skis can be a very effective tool to help clean up our near shore waters. Current prohibitions on Jet ski operations make this difficult. SB319 addresses this issue and should be passed.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. If you have any questions, please contact me at 808-870-9115.

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