

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 28, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1382
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred H.B. No. 1382 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO OCEAN RECREATION,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to promote health and safety in ocean recreation by prohibiting any person from operating a jet ski at any speed above thirty miles per hour, except as designated by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and in accordance with a permit issued by the Department.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources opposed this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Substituting "thrill craft" for "jet ski" to expand the speed limit restriction to a category of personal watercraft;
- (2) Exempting rescue workers, law enforcement, and persons operating a thrill craft for another engaged in tow-in surfing from the speed limitations; and
- (3) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Judiciary that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1382, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Third Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1382, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Judiciary,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



