

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 11, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2254

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

Sir:

Your Committee on Economic Development & Business, to which was referred H.B. No. 2254 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to maintain Hawaii's reputation as a world class filming destination by making permanent the exemption that allows film production permit holders to use thrill craft in non-designated areas of State waters as approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR).

The Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism (DBEDT) and DLNR testified in support of this bill.

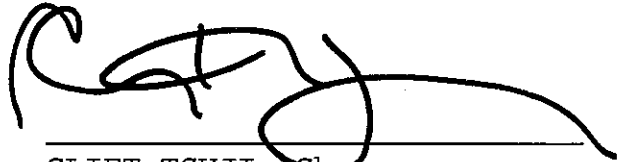
Hawai'i has a global reputation as a world class filming destination because of its world renowned surf, pristine waters, and expert water safety professionals. Many film shoots include water scenes that often use thrill craft for water safety purposes, for use as picture vessels, for the transport of cast and crew members, or for camera positioning. While the operation of thrill craft does have safety risks, the safety record of thrill craft used as tools in film shoots has been impeccable. According to both DBEDT and DLNR, 196 film permits for the use of jet skis for filming operations were issued over the past four fiscal years and to date there have been no reports of any incidents or accidents involving those jet skis. Making permanent the exemption that allows film production permit holders to use



thrill craft in non-designated areas of State waters will help to maintain Hawaii's reputation as a world class filming destination.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Economic Development & Business that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2254 and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to the Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Economic  
Development & Business,



CLIFT TSUJI, Chair



**Record of Votes of the Committee on Economic Development & Business**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB2254</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EDB, OMH</b>	Date: <b>2/4/14</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EDB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. TSUJI, Clift (C)	✓			
2. WARD, Gene (VC)	✓			
3. AWANA, Karen				✓
4. BROWER, Tom	✓			
5. CACHOLA, Romy M.	✓			
6. ITO, Ken				✓
7. CHOY, Isaac W.	✓			
8. OHNO, Takashi				✓
9. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	✓			
10. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	✓			
11. WOOLEY, Jessica	✓			
<b>TOTAL (11)</b>	<b>8</b>			<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ committee acronym(s) did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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