

# SB 3016

## Testimony

**Measure Title:** RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

**Report Title:** Oil Spill Prevention; Sea Grant College Program; University of Hawaii; Appropriation (\$)

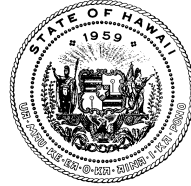
**Description:** Requires the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program to submit a report updating the 1996 report on oil spills. Appropriates funds for staffing and resources to update the 1996 report. Effective July 1, 2014.

**Companion:** [HB2620](#)

**Package:** None

**Current Referral:** HRE/ENE, WAM

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**S.B. 3016, RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT**

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**February 11, 2014**  
**3:00 P.M.**

1 **Department's Position:** The Department of Health strongly supports this measure since it will further  
2 the goals of environmental protection and prevention, preparedness, and response to oil and other  
3 significant material spills.

4 **Fiscal Implications:** None

5 **Purpose and Justification:** The Department of Health is the lead state agency for the response to any  
6 oil or hazardous material releases. The updating of the 1996 report, *Hawaii's Readiness to Prevent and*  
7 *Respond to Oil Spills* and the 1992 economic analysis, *Oil Spills at Sea—Potential Impacts on Hawaii*  
8 greatly shaped Hawaii's ability and capability to respond to potential oil spills in Hawaiian waters. The  
9 proposed updating of this evaluation will further strengthen Hawaii's preparedness and response  
10 program to better plan for potential harmful releases to Hawaii waters and land with current knowledge  
11 and technologies. As the economy strengthens and energy sources dynamics change, it is critical that  
12 our planning be updated to prevent environmental pollution and protect public health.

13 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important measure.

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