

Honolulu, Hawaii

March 2, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 1997
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VESSELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require the Legislative Reference Bureau to:

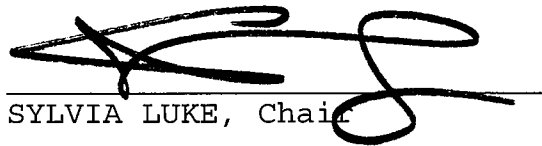
- (1) Conduct a study on the process used by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) to remove stranded vessels in nearshore waters, the environmental impacts of stranded vessels, and the specific environmental and economic effects of the stranding of the *Pacific Paradise* in 2017; and
- (2) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature prior to the 2019 Regular Session.

The Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii supported this measure. An individual opposed this measure. DLNR and the Legislative Reference Bureau provided comments on this measure.



As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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


SYLVIA LUKE, Chair



