

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 16, 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 Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs, to which was referred H.B. No. 1997 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VESSELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to establish a task force to review the process that the Department of Land and Natural Resources uses to respond to vessels stranded in nearshore waters and report to the Legislature on its findings.

Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu, Oahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawaii, and a concerned individual testified in support of this measure. A concerned individual testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Deleting any references to a task force;
- (2) Requiring the Legislative Reference Bureau to conduct a study on the process that the Department of Land and Natural Resources uses to remove vessels stranded in



nearshore waters and report its findings to the Legislature;

- (3) Changing its effective date to December 24, 2088; and
- (4) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1997, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1997, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Ocean, Marine
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,

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