

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 9, 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2265
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. 2265 entitled:

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

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to protect consumer health and safety by requiring the Department of Land and Natural Resources to adopt rules to regulate commercial ocean operators that take customers into state waters to engage in watersport activities.

The Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu testified in support of this measure. The Hunting, Farming and Fishing Association, Quicksilver Charters, Calypso Charters, Trilogy Excursions, Maui Dive Shop, Ocean Tourism Coalition, Activities & Attractions Association of Hawaii, and Holoholo Charters Inc. testified in opposition to this measure. The Department of Land and Natural Resources provided comments.

Your Committee has amended this measure by changing its effective date to December 24, 2088, to facilitate further discussion.

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. 2265, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2265, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

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



KANIELA ING, Chair



