

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

3064

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 22 2018

RE: H.B. No. 2419
H.D. 1
S.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2018
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water and Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 2419, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to require and appropriate funds to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging for small boat harbors, channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the O'ahu County Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i, Ocean Tourism Coalition, Atlantis Adventures, Quicksilver Charters, Calypso Charters, and one individual. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

Your Committee finds that the process to implement dredging in state small boat harbors and ramps can be very lengthy. By requiring the creation of a strategic plan that would include but not be limited to the identification of all state small boat harbors and ramps that require routine maintenance dredging, assessment of cost estimates, and identification of the permitting requirements, this measure is the first step in the full permitting process.



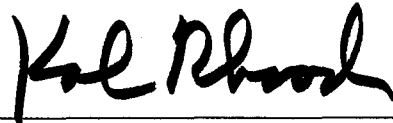
Your Committee notes that according to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the terms, "port" and "harbor" are used interchangeably. Accordingly, your Committee is operating on that understanding for purposes of this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Inserting an appropriation amount of \$100,000 to the Department of Land and Natural Resources to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging for small boat harbors, channels, ramps, and other port infrastructure; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity and consistency.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water and Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2419, H.D. 1, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 2419, H.D. 1, S.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water and Land,



KARL RHOADS, Chair



