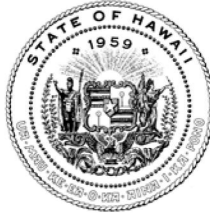


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**Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on
WATER AND LAND**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017
10:00 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 1304, Proposed HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO MARINE EVENTS**

House Bill 1304, Proposed House Draft 1, proposes to: (1) require the submission of permit applications for regattas, marine parades, or surfing contests to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) at least 45 days before a proposed event; (2) require the Department to approve or deny permits within 30 days of receiving a completed application; and (3) allow the Department to assess and collect a fee for permit processing. **The Department offers the following comments.**

The Department understands the need for advance planning for large marine events, such as surfing contests, because event organizers must typically address issues such as funding, marketing and promotion, community outreach, rules, logistics, safety procedures, and insurance requirements. For the North Shore of Oahu, the Department works closely with the City and County of Honolulu because all major events need to be staged on land and need permission from the land owner. Once the County determines who will be issued the land based permits, the Department issues the marine event permits. This similar approach can be used for other large scale events in popular locations throughout the State.

The Department recommends removing the language that states "If the Department does not approve or deny the permit within the thirty-day period, the application shall be deemed approved by the Department as of the first day following the expiration of the thirty-day period." The Department issues approximately five hundred marine event permits each year and an automatic approval may result in multiple permits being issued for the same location for the same day. Additionally, automatic approval of marine event permits could have the unintended consequence of creating liability for the State for approval of marine events that may not be properly insured or follow best management practices.

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It is currently the Department's policy to expeditiously process marine event permits; however, the Department at times may not be able to respond within the proposed thirty-day time period due to the high volume of applications.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Aloha Everyone,

Relating to HB1304

I have reach out to our Representative Lynn DeCoite and others State Official in regards to the DLNR applications for Marine Ocean Event now, no earlier than 60 days prior to the requested event date. DOT Harbors will follow same approval protocol as DLNR Boating; i.e. marine events applications can be submitted as early as 60 days prior to event but not later than 30 days. Please see attachment I proposed and requested for DLNR Applications so we can plan to plan a successful event and not fail and finding sponsorship for our events in a timely matter.

Support the amendments in the proposed HD 1.

Mahalo,

Rodney Kilborn

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