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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
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Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

Wednesday, March 14, 2018
3:01 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 224

In consideration of
HOUSE BILL 2419, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE

House Bill 2419, House Draft 1 proposes to: (1) Require the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) to create a strategic plan for maintenance dredging of important port and harbor locations and report the plan to the Legislature; and (2) Appropriate funds for creating the strategic plan. **The Department offers the following comments on this measure.**

The Department acknowledges that the process to implement dredging in state small boat harbors and ramps can be very lengthy. The Department appreciates the proposed dedicated funding in this measure which the Department's Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation can use to create an in-house strategic plan that would include (1) identification of all state small boat harbors and ramps that require routine maintenance dredging; (2) determination of the frequency of dredging for each location; (3) establishment of a cost estimate for dredging that would include design, permitting, and construction; and (4) identification of the permitting requirements, as set forth by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, the State Department of Health, and all Hawai'i Counties.

Creating the strategic plan required by this measure would be the first step in the full permitting process. In order for the plan to have any useful effect, the Department would require a steady funding source to continue the permitting process for small boat harbor projects. Under the current process, funding becomes available only when a need arises, and due to the time it takes for permits to be processed, subsequent shoaling and accumulation of sand interfere with vessel navigation, launching, and retrieval at state boat ramps.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

HB-2419-HD-1

Submitted on: 3/13/2018 4:13:06 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Melodie Aduja	Testifying for OCC Legislative Priorities Committee, Democratic Party of Hawai'i	Support	No

Comments:



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No Ka 'Aha Ho'olohe

NOTICE OF HEARING

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TESTIMONY OF THE OCEAN TOURISM COALITION IN SUPPORT HB2419HD1

Chair Rhoads, Vice Chair Gabbard and Members of the WTL Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC),
speaking in Support of HB 2419 HD1 Relating to Port Infrastructure

The OTC represents over 300 small ocean tourism businesses state wide. All of them operate from State Boating Facilities managed by DLNR/DOBOR.

Several of our Small Boat Harbors and Boat Launch Ramps are subject to periodic buildup of sand at the harbor entrance. When this happens it becomes very dangerous to enter or leave the harbor and will ultimately make the harbor inaccessible until it is dredged. There is a serious need to plan for this ahead of time instead of waiting until it is an emergency to dredge. HB 2419 is correct in its evaluation of the problem and we support the language in the bill.

Please pass HB 2419 HD1 so that the critical maintenance of our harbors can be planned for in a systematic manner.

Sincerely,

James E. Coon, President OTC captcoon@gmail.com 808-870-9115

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Mark Almaraz	Testifying for Atlantis Adventures	Support	No

Comments:

My name is Mark Almaraz and I represent Atlantis Adventures who have operating sites on Maui, the Big Island and Oahu. We **support** HB 2419 HD1 with its proposal of creating; and implementing, a strategic plan to establish a preventative and proactive maintenance program in support of keeping our waterways safe and open to operate.

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Submitted on: 3/12/2018 3:23:48 PM

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Zachary LaPrade	Testifying for Quicksilver Charters	Support	No

Comments:

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Testimony for WTL on 3/14/2018 3:01:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Chris Kasper	Testifying for Calypso Charters	Support	No

Comments:

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Benton Kealii Pang, Ph.D.	Individual	Support	No

Comments: