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Before the Senate Committee on
WAYS AND MEANS

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

House Bill 2419, House Draft 1, Senate 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.

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Comments: