



# Ocean Tourism Coalition

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Testimony to: Senate Committee on Ways and Means  
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair

Presented by: Jim Coon, President  
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Subject: H.B. 2419, H.D.1, S.D. 1 - RELATING TO PORT INFRASTRUCTURE.

Chair Dela Cruz and Members of the Committee:

My name is James E. Coon, President of the Ocean Tourism Coalition (OTC), speaking in strong support of H.B. 2419 H.D.1, S.D. 1.

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 2419HD1 is correct in its evaluation of the problem and we support the language in the bill.

Please pass H.B. 2419 H.D.1, S.D. 1 so that the critical maintenance of our harbors can be planned for in a systematic manner.

Thank you.