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**S.B. 411
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

Senate Committee on Transportation

The Department of Transportation supports S.B. 411.

This bill allows marine equipment to be moved between terminals at Hawaii's commercial harbors.

This proposal promotes operational efficiencies at the harbors by streamlining the existing process to allow the movement of marine equipment between terminals and by affording harbor users to re-allocate resources as needed. The marine equipment is limited to tractor trucks, forklifts, and top picks, and this flexibility is needed at the terminals listed in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
Support of SB411
Before the Senate Committee on Transportation
February 6, 2019

Dear Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Harimoto, and Members of the Committee on Transportation,

Matson strongly supports SB411, Relating to Transportation.

Matson's operations involve dozens of pieces of equipment, including truck tractors, chassis, forklifts, and specialized lifting machines. These do not typically leave our container yards in the harbors in Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, and Nawiliwili. Most of our operations are contained in each of our neighbor island terminals.

In 2017, the Legislature passed HB733, HD1, SD1, which provides exemptions from certain requirements for tractor trucks, forklifts, and top picks when used as marine terminal equipment and operating on Sand Island Parkway and Sand Island Access Road between terminal locations under specific conditions. This measure would provide similar exemptions under limited circumstances for equipment in the areas immediately surrounding our neighbor island terminals.

This measure enables shipping companies to more easily move marine terminal equipment without having to secure permits or waivers from the Department of Transportation. It is similar to allowing farm equipment to move on roads and cross highways in rural areas. In fact, this measure amends the same section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that allows for such movement of farm equipment.

Thank you for considering this testimony in strong support.