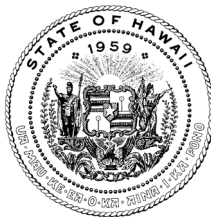


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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the House Committee on
JUDICIARY AND HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, March 23, 2021
2:00 PM

State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 325

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 791, SENATE DRAFT 2, HOUSE DRAFT 1
RELATING TO VESSELS

Senate Bill 791, Senate Draft 2, House Draft 1 proposes to amend various sections within Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding impoundment and disposal of unauthorized and abandoned vessels on state property and in waters of the State. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure and requests that the measure be amended to be effective upon approval.**

This measure would allow the Department to respond quicker and more effectively to unauthorized, abandoned, grounded, and derelict vessels under its jurisdiction. Current statutes require the Department to provide seventy-two-hour notice of intent to impound a vessel before being able to take control of the vessel. However, in some instances the condition of a vessel rapidly deteriorates within this time period, leading to increased costs on the Department for impounding and disposing of the vessel. A vessel may break into multiple pieces, requiring additional work for impounding the vessel and creating an increased risk to public safety as well as to our State's natural resources. A vessel may also drift from its initial position and end up in a situation that increases the difficulty in retrieving it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Denise Boisvert	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly SUPPORT this bill, and thank the Senators who introduced it for their attention to the problem that the passage of this bill will resolve.