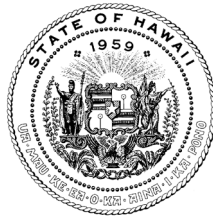


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**Testimony of**  
**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
**Chairperson**

**Before the House Committee on**  
**JUDICIARY & HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS**

**Friday February 26, 2021**  
**2:00 PM**

**State Capitol, Via Videoconference, Conference Room 325**

**In consideration of**  
**HOUSE BILL 1010**  
**RELATING TO BOATING REPORTS**

House Bill 1010 proposes to require fire chiefs and ocean safety directors of each county, in addition to the Director of Public Safety and the police chief of each county, to transmit to the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) a copy of every report relating to boating accidents or the theft, loss, or recovery of vessels; and to require all reports submitted pursuant to Section 200-27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to be unredacted. **The Department strongly supports this Administration measure.**

Boating accident data collected by the Department becomes part of the U.S. Coast Guard Boating Accident Report Database (BARD), a comprehensive collection of statistics on boating incidents in all 50 states and all U.S. territories. The Department believes that this measure will ultimately result in improved safety for boaters and ocean users who interact with those boaters. Each year, there are about two to three dozen incidents that constitute a "boating accident" and meet the criteria for entry into the BARD.

The Department does not anticipate a significant increase in the workload of each of the agencies affected by this measure because those agencies are already producing reports for boating accidents occurring in their jurisdiction. This measure would simply require the agencies to transmit those reports unredacted to the Department for entry into the BARD. When investigating the feasibility of this measure, the Department would like to highlight the Honolulu Fire Department's openness and willingness to cooperate to improve boating safety in the State.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SUZANNE D. CASE**  
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February 25, 2021

The Honorable Mark Nakashima, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 432  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1010 Relating to Boating Reports

I am Manuel P. Neves, Chair of the State Fire Council (SFC). The SFC opposes HB 1010, which requires county Fire Chiefs, Chiefs of Police, and Ocean Safety Directors and the Director of the Department of Public Safety to transmit to the Department of Land and Natural Resources a copy of unredacted reports relating to boating accidents or the theft, loss, or recovery of vessels.

The requirement described in the bill would generate substantial administrative workload to maintain. Furthermore, the requirement that unredacted reports be submitted may be in violation of medical privacy laws considering some of the boating incidents county fire departments respond to involve injuries of boaters, passengers, and swimmers.

The SFC urges your committee's deferral of HB 1010.

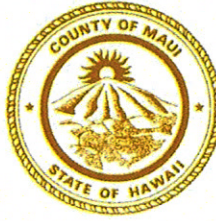
Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at 723-7176 or [lrogers@honolulu.gov](mailto:lrogers@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

MANUEL P. NEVES  
Chair

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**DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & PUBLIC SAFETY**  
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February 24, 2021

The Honorable Mark Nakashima, Chair  
Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian Affairs  
House of Representatives  
State Capitol, Room 432  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Nakashima:

Subject: House Bill (HB) 1010, House Draft (HD) 1 Relating to Boating Reports

I am David C. Thyne, member of the State Fire Council (SFC) and Fire Chief of Maui Fire Department (MFD). The SFC opposes HB 1010, which requires the fire chief and ocean safety director of each county, in addition to the Director of Public Safety and police chief of each county, to transmit to the Department of Land and Natural Resources a copy of every report relating to boating accidents or the theft, loss, or recovery of vessels. HB 1010 also requires all reports submitted to be unredacted.

The requirement described in the bill would generate substantial administrative workload to maintain. Furthermore, the requirement that reports be submitted unredacted may be in violation of medical privacy laws considering some of the boating incidents county fire departments respond to involve injuries of boaters and passengers.

The SFC urge your committee's deferral of HB 1010.

Should you have questions, please contact SFC Administrative Specialist Lloyd Rogers at (808) 723-7176 or [lrogers@honolulu.gov](mailto:lrogers@honolulu.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Thyne".

DAVID C. THYNE  
Fire Chief