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H.B. 2180
RELATING TO HARBORS

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The Department of Transportation (DOT) **strongly supports** H.B. 2180 related to the repeal of sections 266-2.3, and 266-22, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), for the purpose of deleting obsolete or unnecessary provisions.

HRS §266-2.3 should be repealed as authority of Kewalo Harbor was transferred to Hawaii Community Development Authority and is not under the purview of the DOT.

In addition, HRS §266-22 should be repealed as there is no fireboat. The U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) issued rules requiring tank vessels on which that are carrying petroleum oil as a primary cargo and non-tank vessels that are carrying petroleum oil as fuel or cargo to submit and have USCG approved vessel response plans (VRPs). The VRPs identifies non-government entities to address engine casualty, grounding, fire, or flooding. The VRP removed the USCG from firefighting responses and assigned responses to the vessel operator in accordance with their approved VRPs. Except for small vessels, all commercial vessels under the jurisdiction of the USCG have VRPs. The result was a diminished need for the Honolulu Harbor fireboat. Due to age of the Honolulu harbor fireboat, the Moku Ahi, was taken out of service in March 2014 and sold on January 13, 2017.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.