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**Testimony of  
SUZANNE D. CASE  
Chairperson**

**Before the Senate Committee on  
WATER AND LAND**

**Friday, January 29, 2021  
1:00 PM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 229**

**In consideration of  
SENATE BILL 255  
RELATING TO COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES**

Senate Bill 255 proposes to provide that a single commercial marine vessel license satisfies the licensure requirement for all persons aboard the licensed vessel; and requires any person who provides fishing charter services to obtain a commercial marine license. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) supports this measure and offers the following comments and suggested amendments.**

Currently each individual on a fishing vessel must have the individual's own commercial marine license (CML) to participate in a commercial fishing trip (where any portion of the catch may be sold). This places logistical and financial burdens on vessel captains when part-time crew members are needed for a commercial fishing trip, or when unscheduled or infrequent visitors are invited aboard. It also leads to confusion regarding who is responsible for submitting commercial catch reports for fishing activities onboard the vessel.

The Department intends to amend its CML rules to establish a new commercial marine vessel license (CMVL) category. The CMVL, which would cover everyone onboard under one license and eliminate the need for individual licenses, would be more convenient and cost-effective for Hawaii boat-based fishers. The CMVL rules would clarify who is responsible for submitting catch reports for the vessel.

The measure also provides clarification and consistency regarding the CML requirement for fishing charter services. Current statutory wording expressly requires vessel-based charters to obtain a CML. It is unclear however whether shore-based charters are also required to obtain a CML. The measure would clarify that any person providing fishing charter services, whether vessel-based or shore-based, must first obtain a CML. This will allow the Department to better understand and manage marine charter fishing activities in the State.

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Senate Bill 255 implies that the Department has authority to issue CMVLs. The Department suggests the following additional amendments to §189-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to expressly authorize the Department to establish CMVL requirements and fees through rulemaking and to specify who may obtain a CMVL:

"(c) Any vessel used for or engaged in the taking of marine life for commercial purposes may obtain a commercial marine vessel license.

~~[(e)]~~ (d) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 necessary for the purpose of this section and to set fees for commercial marine ~~[licensing.]~~ and commercial marine vessel licenses.

~~[(d)]~~ (e) The fees for commercial marine and commercial marine vessel licenses and duplicate commercial marine and commercial marine vessel licenses shall be established by the department by rules adopted in accordance with chapter 91.

~~[(e)]~~ (f) The department shall suspend, shall refuse to renew, reinstate, or restore, or shall deny any license issued under this section if the department has received certification from the child support enforcement agency pursuant to section 576D-13 that the licensee or applicant is not in compliance with an order of support or has failed to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a paternity or child support proceeding. The department shall issue, renew, reinstate, or restore an affected license only upon receipt of authorization from the child support enforcement agency, the office of child support hearings, or the family court."

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/26/2021 1:08:44 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Fernley	Testifying for Coral Fish Hawaii	Support	No

Comments:

Plse support this bill.



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January 27, 2021

Re: Senate Bill 255 Testimony in SUPPORT

Comments:

The Hawaii Seafood Council (HSC) supports SB255. It authorizes DLNR to create commercial fishing licenses covering everyone onboard a fishing vessel under one license. This creates efficiency for the DLNR staff while supporting sustainable fishery management by facilitating catch reporting by commercial and charter fishers. HSC is a non-profit organization that supports Hawaii's responsible fisheries, and safe and sustainable seafood.

John Kaneko

Program Manager

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:53:49 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
James Silva	Testifying for Waialua Boat Club	Support	No

Comments:

This will make it reasonable for a commercial fisherman to keep a crew of a few guys to make sure there is someone always ready to go fishing.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 2:01:43 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Michael Tokunaga	Testifying for S. Tokunaga Store inc.	Support	No

Comments:

To Whom it may concern,

I fully support SB 255. Having a single person on board will suffice the requirements in my opinion. Being in the boat fishing industry for 46 years it has not been a problem. I feel because it hasn't been an issue, why change what's already working. This may actually cause more problems being that there hasn't been anything wrong this far.

The captain and or owner of the boat should be fully responsible of filing the reports, it is not the crews job to do those things. That is my opinion when it comes to this issue.

Mahalo,

Michael

Senate Committee on Water and Land

January 29, 2021 1:00 pm Conference Rm 229

## Senate Bill 255 –Relating to Commercial Marine Licenses

Chair Inouye, Vice Chair Keith-Agaran and members of the Committee, my name is Brooks Takenaka, General Manager of the United Fishing Agency aka the Honolulu Fish Auction.

We strongly support SB 255.

SB 255 will allow DLNR/DAR to establish a “vessel” commercial marine license (“CML”) that will satisfy an individual’s licensure requirement if aboard a licensed vessel.

A vessel’s “CML” will simplify the licensing requirements, be a more efficient permitting system and improve catch reporting. I ask for your favorable consideration that will support Hawaii’s fishermen and commercial fishing enterprises which provide fresh, high quality seafood that’s critical to our local food security and provides many cultural and economic benefits to the state.

Mahalo for this opportunity to testify and share our views in support of SB 255.

# POP FISHING & MARINE



January 27, 2021

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice-chair  
Keith-Agaron, Members Favella, Misalucha and Riviere

RE: **Bill SB255 – in support**

Committee – Water and Land

Committee Hearing Date/Time: January 29, 2021, 1 pm

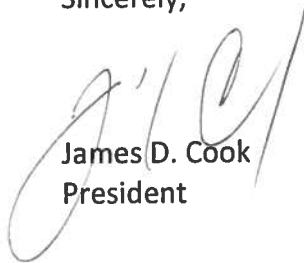
Dear Committee Members:

POP Fishing & Marine is in full support of Bill SB255 as it will make the  
Commercial Marine Licensing more efficient.

Our commercial and sports fishing store works directly with all the  
various fishermen in the State of Hawaii. We directly support the Hawaii  
longline industry as well as the weekend fisherman. We feel the bill will  
make the licensing process more streamlined so all fishermen will  
benefit.

Thank you for your positive consideration in passing Bill SB255.

Sincerely,



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President

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January 27, 2021

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice-chair Keith-Agaran, Members Favella, Misalucha and Riviere

RE: Bill SB255 – *in support*

Committee – Water and Land

Committee Hearing Date/Time: January 29, 2021, 1 pm

Dear Committee Members:

Vessel Management Associates runs a fleet of longline fishing boats in Hawaii. As such the longline fleet part of the largest food producer in the State of Hawaii both in terms of volume and value.

This bill will allow the Division of Aquatic Resources to license and enforce, once, with the vessel license, instead of licensing each individual fisherman. This will make things easier for all involved.

Vessel Management is in full support of Bill SB255 because any bill that will make the Commercial Marine Licensing process more streamlined and efficient will serve to assist us in running our longline fleet. This efficiency will then pass through to affect the whole economy of the State.

Thank you for your attention to our support of Bill SB255.

Sincerely,



Sean C. Martin  
President



Eric K. Kingma, Executive Director, Hawaii Longline Association

Committee: Water and Land

Committee Hearing Date/Time: January 29, 2021, 1 pm

Bill: SB255 – in support

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice-chair Keith-Agaron, Members Favella, Misalucha, and Riviere

The Hawaii Longline Association<sup>1</sup> supports SB255 because it would allow the Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to establish a vessel Commercial Marine License (CML) that satisfies an individual's licensure requirement if aboard a licensed vessel. A vessel CML would simply the regulatory requirements, be a more efficient permitting system, and would not reduce revenue to DAR.

Implementing permitting regulations that are effective and efficient should be a goal of government. This bill is necessary to provide DAR the ability to implement administratively efficient, effective, and enforceable vessel CML requirements that are supported by Hawaii's commercial fisherman.

The Hawaii longline fishery is the largest food producer in the State of Hawaii both in terms of volume and value. Commercial fishing is critical to Hawaii's food self-sufficiency and provides many cultural, social, and economic benefits. This bill both supports DAR and Hawaii's commercial fisheries, which provide fresh, high quality seafood that is important to Hawaii residents and visitors.

Mahalo for considering this testimony in support of SB255.

Sincerely,

Eric K. Kingma, PhD  
Executive Director

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<sup>1</sup> For more information on HLA, please visit: [www.hawaiilongline.org/](http://www.hawaiilongline.org/)



January 27, 2021

COMMITTEE ON WATER AND LAND

Senator Lorraine R. Inouye, Chair

Senator Gilbert S.C. Keith-Agaran, Vice Chair

NOTICE OF HEARING

DATE: Friday, January 29, 2021

TIME: 1:00 P.M.

PLACE: Via Videoconference

**STRONG SUPPORT of SB 255 RELATING TO COMMERCIAL MARINE LICENSES**

HFACT is a not-for-profit, IRS 501c (5) organization, that advocates for small boat commercial, non-commercial, and recreational fishermen throughout Hawaii. HFACT board members sit on a number of federal fisheries management and endangered species advisory committees as well as state marine and coastal zone advisory committees; and, HFACT is thoroughly familiar with and participates in ocean and marine resource management in Hawaii and the Western and Central Pacific.

HFACT **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SB255** as it addresses a long outstanding concern held by Hawaii's small boat and nearshore fishing communities with the necessity of requiring of each crew person aboard a fishing vessel or supporting another engaged in commercial fishing (for sale of the catch) to hold a Commercial Marine License (CML). At \$100 today with future increases anticipated this is an economic burden for commercial fishermen. As small business operators, these captains and individuals rely upon a rotating group of several individuals to be secured on short notice per trip and these escalating costs become increasingly operationally prohibitive. The current CML licensure requirement creates an additional burden when a child, relative, friend or visitor wants to join the fishing trip for a one-time event.

A Commercial Marine Vessel License (CMVL) as proposed is strongly supported by the boat-based commercial fishermen. It is also important to note that with the CMVL much confusion is eliminated as only the vessel owner/captain who sells the catch will be required to report the catch.

We ask that your committee support these small businesses the relief from unnecessary and burdensome expenses and thanks the chair, vice-chair, and committee members of the WTL for this opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely and Aloha,

Phil Fernandez - President

***Hawai'i Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition, Inc.***  
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January 27, 2021

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice-chair Keith-Agaran, Members Favella, Misalucha and Riviere

RE: **Bill SB255 – *in support***

Committee – Water and Land

Committee Hearing Date/Time: January 29, 2021, 1 pm

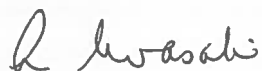
Dear Committee Members:

Ice Partners works directly with the Hawaii Longline Fishing fleet by supplying ice for the boats to hold the fish.

By allowing the Division of Aquatic Resources to establish a vessel Commercial Marine License that would allow any individual onboard a licensed vessel to fish, this would make the whole licensing and enforcing process more efficient. This would then help the longline fleet and in turn our business as well.

Therefore, Ice Partners is in full support of Bill SB255. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Ann Iwasaki  
Administrator



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Committee: Water and Land

Committee Hearing Date/Time: January 29, 2021, 1 pm

RE: Support to Bill SB255

To: Senate Committee on Water and Land Chair Inouye, Vice-chair Keith-Agaran, Members Favella, Misalucha, and Riviere

I support the enactment of bill SB255 because it would allow the Hawaii Division of Aquatic Resources (DAR) to establish a vessel Commercial Marine License (CML) that satisfies an individual's licensure requirement, if aboard a licensed vessel. The bill will also help simplify the regulatory requirements, establishes a more efficient permitting system, and improves catch reporting. This bill is necessary to provide DAR the ability to implement streamlined and effective CML requirements applicable to commercial fishing in Hawaii.

As a business owner in seafood industry, with companies located in three (3) Hawaii Islands, I know firsthand that commercial fishing is critical to our local seafood security and provides many cultural, social, and economic benefits. Specially during these difficult times, the current restrictions put our local fishermen, who are trying to make a living, into unnecessary burdensome requirements. This bill supports Hawaii's fishermen and commercial fishing enterprises who provide fresh, high quality seafoods that are important to our local way of life.

Mahalo for considering this testimony in support to Bill SB255.

Sincerely,

Shawn Tanoue  
President  
Tropic Fish Hawaii  
Tropic Fish Kauai  
Tropic Fish Maui

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:50:28 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brendt Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support HB255 for streamlining the commercial fishing license per boat as to per fisherman. It eliminats redundancy as far as catch reporting and streamlines the data collecting process.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:45:27 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Mitchell Mizokami	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I am in support of this bill.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:58:31 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Edwin Watamura	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I fully support this bill and have been seeking a resolution to this problem for 20+ years. In this day and age, the majority of Commercial License Fishermen are small boat fishers and fish with various friends and family. The requirement to have all persons aboard possess a CML is archaic and doesn't apply to the reality who is aboard during a fishing trip. I personally have 10-15 friends and visiting family members that will fish with me, some consistently and some rarely. To have many of these people be required to purchase a CML for maybe one or two trips a year just isn't realistic and like most of us results in breaking the law. To have a Vessel License available, is a solution we can enthusiastically support.



**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 11:59:12 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Randy Cheung	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

strong support!

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:23:10 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Troy A. Ogasawara	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

As a Commercial Marine License holder I strongly support this bill. It addresses many issues which are outlined in SB255 that are and have been very problematic and over burdensome for commercial fishers. Having a single vessel license will solve these problems. Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Troy Ogasawara

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:26:00 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Clay Tam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Dear WTL Committee,

I fully support bill SB 255 relating to commercial marine license. As a commercial fishermen this bill would help streamline commercial fishing license process and promote compliance for vessel owners and operators, whether they have one or more crew members. This would also improve redundancy and or duplication of reporting per vessel. It is a bill supported by others vessels owners that I fish with. Thank you for your time and concern in this matter.

Sincerely,

Clay Tam

Voter, commercial fishermen and researcher

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 12:30:30 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Craig Severance	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I have a CML, and a bad back, so I go out maybe 1-2 times a year, but still keep my CML, so I can occasionally go out with my adult son who fishes commercially. We both report. The current rule hasn't been well promoted or enforced, and is often ignored, making it unfair to those of us who have bought CML for friends and visitors even for a one day tournament trip. SB 255 is much more in keeping with the Aloha Spirit, long overdue, and will simplify reporting. I strongly support it! Craig Severance

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:14:11 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
William K. Chang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support Senate Bill 255 fully. It will make catch reporting much easier for the boat captains and crew that have to make changes for various reasons like illnesses or other personal reasons.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:21:20 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Shyla Moon	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

This would make commercial fishing business much easier and less expensive, hopefully.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 3:54:51 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Wayne Miyata	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

To whom it may concern

I support the adoption of SB 255. Under the current regulation, which require all persons on a commercial fishing vessel to obtain a fishing license for deep sea 7 catches or be limited to 5 catch per person, the captain of the vessel is forced to either decline taking on a new crew or submit to the low catch ruling; As someone who does fish commercially, finding a proficient, reliable and dependable licensed crew is not always possible. I depend on a good crew since I quit fishing by myself because of safety reasons. So being able to take on any one as crew would allow me to fish whenever the weather permits instead of being drydocked because a licensed crew was not able to join me. There is a consideration that the crew member(s) do not commercially sell fish and all sales are made by the captain of the boat.

Respectfully submitted. Wayne Miyata

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/27/2021 7:08:47 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Courtland Pang	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support passage of SB255 with one reservation, that being that SB255 should be amended to include some guidance for setting the cost of the new Commercial Marine Vessel License (CMVL) so that the cost not injure the "many small-scale commercial fishers" SB255 intends to unburden.

In view of the fact that the small size of the boats used by many of these small-scale commercial fishers limits both crew size and amount of catch, even when weather permits them to fish, with no guidance for setting CMVL fees, such fees if based on large-scale full-time fishers, will overburden rather than unburden the small-scale part-time commercial fishers. For example, I fish with one other person aboard so our present license cost is \$200. Space limitations aboard my small boat might allow me to infrequently invite one other person to accompany us for a present license cost of \$300. After keeping some of the catch to feed one's family, a small-scale commercial fisher's sales income for the year might total just a few hundred dollars, so a CMVL fee of several hundred dollars or more would cause that fisher to lose money and could even drive that fisher to become an outlaw, while creating a monopoly for the large-scale fishers who can afford to pay higher CMVL fees. That end result is not consistent with the intent of SB255 to unburden the small-scale commercial fishers.

I request that SB255 be amended to include guidance that CMVL fees be based on either boat size or annual sales, both of which are readily available through boat registrations or sales reports. For example , the CMVL could be set at \$10 per foot of boat length, or a percentage of the previous year's sales. Either would be more equitable to both small and large scale commercial fishers.

Mahalo,  
Courtland Pang



**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 9:16:15 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Brandon Goo	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support SB255.

Being a current CML Holder and part of our Islands Small Boat Fishing Fleet, fishing with crew is always a good idea for safety. Due to Family/Work obligations or just Scheduling conflicts with your normal Fishing partners with a current CML is always an issue. The choice to fish alone due to not being able to find crew with a current CML is not a safe idea.

Weather plays a big role in Hawaii's small-boat fleet also. Most fishing trips are never set/confirmed until the 1 day prior. Most of Hawaii's part-time small-boat commercial fisherman do depend on family and friends as crew and the vessel CML would allow for a bigger pool of available crew members that many be able to join you.

Like most businesses, the business owner is responsible to report and comply with all required State and Federal regulations to legally run a business in the United States. In this case, it should be the Boat Owner who is responsible for the permitting and recording of the catch data.

Current requirements to have all CML holders report their catch does bring some confusion and possible doubling up (or more pending on crew size) of catch reporting data.

I believe also by having a Vessel CML, this would help expand Hawaii's part-time small-boat commercial fleet, simplify CML requirements, improve current CML catch reporting, and financially benefit the State of Hawaii.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 11:25:20 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Lauren Hori	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support SB255. Thank you.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 11:33:46 AM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Ronald Tam	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I support the proposed legislation with a caveat that the commercial marine vessel fee not be so onerous as to result in an unreasonable increase in the extant Commercial Marine License (CML) fee.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 12:25:18 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
jason Hijirida	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

I strongly support this bill. It only makes sense because the vessel has to be registered as a Bottom fishing vessel by the captain. The captain of the vessel has to report his catch and sell the fish with his license. If all crew were required to have a license and they all reported the same catch, catch reports would be inaccurate. They would not take catches down separate from the captain of the boat.

A lot of the data collected from these catch reports are used by researchers to judge the health of the fisheries and by having a crew from one vessel report the same catch will skew the data.

Thank you for the opportunity to hear my testimony.

**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 12:59:28 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Kurt Kawamoto	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

Finally.

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**SB-255**

Submitted on: 1/28/2021 1:01:03 PM

Testimony for WTL on 1/29/2021 1:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Present at Hearing</b>
Jody Bright	Testifying for Hawaii Marlin Tournament Series	Oppose	No

Comments:

Aloha,

SB255 has two sentences that are contradictory. Sentence One deals with Vessel Licensure and Sentence Two deals with Individual humans offering charter fishing services. Boat Based Charter Fishing Services are offered by COMPANIES and CORPORATIONS who own the Charter Vessel.

*Provides that a single commercial marine vessel license satisfies the licensure requirement for all persons aboard the licensed vessel. Requires any person who provides fishing charter services to obtain a commercial marine license.*

In addition, some INDIVIDUALS commercial fish from shore, and likewise, some charter fishing operators access the ocean from shore. Therefore in addition to the two sentences being contradictory, SB255 is incomplete and will cause confusion.

I suggest you change/edit SB255 to say something like: *Provides that a single commercial marine vessel license satisfies the licensure requirement for all persons aboard the licensed vessel, including vessels involved in offering fishing charter services. All companies offering fishing charter services from shore must obtain a CML for the fishing charter service company.*

*All persons involved in shore based commercial fishing must each obtain a CML.*

Something to this effect anyway. Thank you for considering my testimony.

*Jody Bright*