

Honolulu, Hawaii

MAR 24 2023

RE: H.B. No. 714
H.D. 1

Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
President of the Senate
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts, to which was referred H.B. No. 714, H.D. 1, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO MOORING LINES,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose and intent of this measure is to:

- (1) Require that the securing of mooring lines from vessels requiring tug assistance to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by a stevedoring company; and
- (2) Define "stevedoring company".

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 142; Hawai'i State AFL-CIO; International Longshore and Warehouse Union, Local 100; Operating Engineers Local Union No. 3; Hawaii Government Employees Association, AFSCME Local 152, AFL-CIO; and ninety-four individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from Island Energy Services, LLC; Par Hawaii; and Island Plastic Bags, Inc. Your Committee received comments on this measure from the Department of Transportation; Public Utilities Commission; Young Brothers, LLC; General Contractors Association of Hawaii; American Marine Corporation; Hawai'i Gas; and Hawaiian Cement.



Your Committee finds that to transport goods to the State's harbors, tugs are required to tow large vessels to docks for offloading and onloading of cargo. Recently, certain tug and barge crews that were tasked with securing vessels to docks were found to belong to out-of-state companies, and such crews may not be properly trained and certified under current state regulations. This measure supports the local maritime industry workforce while also ensuring the timely transport of cargo.

Your Committee notes that relevant stakeholders are continuing to discuss consensus language for this measure and requests that your Committee on Ways and Means consider the proposed language, should it choose to hear this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with their intent and purpose of H.B. No. 714, H.D. 1, and recommends that it pass Second Reading and be referred to your Committee on Ways and Means.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Transportation and
Culture and the Arts,



CHRIS LEE, Chair



The Senate
 Thirty-Second Legislature
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The Committee is reconsidering its previous decision on this measure.
 If so, then the previous decision was to: _____

The Recommendation is:

Pass, unamended 2312
 Pass, with amendments 2311
 Hold 2310
 Recommit 2313

Members	Aye	Aye (WR)	Nay	Excused
LEE, Chris (C)	✓			
INOUYE, Lorraine R. (VC)	✓			
ELEFANTE, Brandon J.C.		✓		
KEOHOKALOOLE, Jarrett	✓			
AWA, Brenton	✓			
TOTAL	4	1		

Recommendation: Adopted Not Adopted

Chair's or Designee's Signature:
Lorraine R. Inouye

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