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**S.B. 411, S.D. 2, H.D. 1**  
**RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION**

House Committee on Finance

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The Department of Transportation **supports** S.B. 411, S.D. 2, H.D. 1.

This bill allows marine equipment to be moved between terminals at Hawaii's commercial harbors.

This proposal promotes operational efficiencies at the harbors by streamlining the existing process to allow the movement of marine equipment between terminals and by affording harbor users to re-allocate resources as needed. The marine equipment is limited to tractor trucks, forklifts, and top picks, and this flexibility is needed at the terminals listed in the bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of Ku'uhaku Park  
On Behalf of Matson  
Support of SB411, SD2, HD1 with amendment  
Before the House Committee on Finance  
March 27, 2019

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Cullen, and Members of the Committee on Finance,

Matson strongly supports SB411, SD1 Relating to Transportation with an amendment.

Matson's operations involve dozens of pieces of equipment, including truck tractors, chassis, forklifts, and specialized lifting machines. These do not typically leave our container yards in the harbors in Hilo, Kawaihae, Kahului, and Nawiliwili. Most of our operations are contained in each of our neighbor island terminals.

In 2017, the Legislature passed HB733, HD1, SD1, which provides exemptions from certain requirements for tractor trucks, forklifts, and top picks when used as marine terminal equipment and operating on Sand Island Parkway and Sand Island Access Road between terminal locations under specific conditions. This measure would provide similar exemptions under limited circumstances for equipment in the areas immediately surrounding our neighbor island terminals.

This measure enables shipping companies to more easily move marine terminal equipment without having to secure permits or waivers from the Department of Transportation. It is similar to allowing farm equipment to move on roads and cross highways in rural areas. In fact, this measure amends the same section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that allows for such movement of farm equipment.

As this has not been a controversial bill, we respectfully request that your Committee amend this measure to correct the defective date and make this measure effective on July 1, 2019, so it reads:

SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

Thank you for considering this testimony in strong support.