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Testimony of
SUZANNE D. CASE
Chairperson

Before the Senate Committee on
WATER AND LAND

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State Capitol, Conference Room 229

In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2953
RELATING TO VESSELS

Senate Bill 2953 proposes to amend various sections within Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, regarding impoundment and disposal of unauthorized and abandoned vessels on state property and in waters of the State. **The Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department) strongly supports this measure.**

This measure would allow the Department to respond quicker and more effectively to unauthorized, abandoned, grounded, and derelict vessels under its jurisdiction. Current statutes require the Department to provide seventy-two-hour notice of intent to impound a vessel before being able to take control of the vessel. However, in some instances the condition of a vessel rapidly deteriorates within this time period, leading to increased costs on the Department for impounding and disposing of the vessel. A vessel may break into multiple pieces, requiring additional work for impounding the vessel and creating an increased risk to public safety as well as to our State's natural resources. A vessel may also drift from its initial position and end up in a situation that increases the difficulty in retrieving it.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Peter Plotzeneder	Individual	Oppose	No

Comments:

Services should also be offered to assist these boaters, it would create jobs and be better for everyone if we created something similar to the Freeway Service Patrol.

More staff should be hired to assist these boaters and public auctions should happen more often. Our harbors are way understaffed.