

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 739 -08

Honolulu, Hawaii

Feb 28, 2008

RE: H.B. No. 2263

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2008  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which was referred H.B. No. 2263 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO HARBORS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this bill is to limit noise emanating from state harbors by allowing the Director of Transportation (Director) to adopt rules regulating harbor noise.

Harbor Neighbors testified in support of this bill.

Noise is often considered to be an environmental pollutant. The high level of activity at many of Hawaii's harbors often produce large amounts of noise. While the Director currently has the authority to promulgate rules for harbors under their jurisdiction, this authority may not be specific enough to allow it to adopt rules that regulate noise. Your Committee finds that granting the Director this specific authority may provide an opportunity to alleviate the concerns of individuals affected by noise from Hawaii's harbors.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2263 and recommends that it pass Third Reading.

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Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,

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for: HERMINA MORITA, Chair



