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H.B. 733
RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Commerce

The Department of Transportation (DOT) **supports** this measure that proposes to allow 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 marine equipment to be moved between terminals and by affording harbor users to re-allocate resources as needed. The marine equipment that is usually moved between terminals is limited to tractor trucks, forklifts, and top picks, and this flexibility is most needed for terminals at Sand Island.

To ensure that the movement of this marine equipment does not impede vehicular traffic on Nimitz Highway, the DOT requests your committee to consider amending any references to "a highway" in the new statutory language be changed to specify "Sand Island Parkway and Sand Island Access Road."

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Testimony of Ku`uhaku Park
On Behalf of Matson
In Support of HB733
Before the House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce
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Chair McKelvey, Vice Chair Ichiyama and Committee Members,

In regards to HB733, RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION, Matson is in strong support.

Matson's operations involve dozens of pieces of equipment, including truck tractors, chassis, forklifts and specialized lifting machines. These normally do not leave our container yard in Honolulu Harbor on Sand Island as almost all of Matson's operations at Honolulu Harbor are run out of our main terminal at Piers 52- 53.

However, due to overcrowding and congestion in the marine terminals, we have also leased a nine acre annex yard which is across the street (Sand Island Parkway) that we utilize. On the occasions where that annex yard is filled, we have also used some space at the Kapalama Military Reserve (KMR).

The distance from our terminal gate to the annex yard is 0.6 miles. The distance from our terminal gate to the KMR site is 1.3 miles. All on Sand Island Parkway and Sand Island Access Road.

Because these pieces of equipment normally would not leave the confines of our terminal, safety inspections and vehicle registrations are not required. As such, we currently have to get a waiver from the DOT to move our marine terminal equipment between these areas, and this bill would allow shipping companies to traverse this short stretch of Sand Island Parkway and Sand Island Access Road without getting a permit or waiver.

This scenario is similar to allowing farm equipment to move on roads and cross highways in rural areas. In fact, this bill amends that same section of the Hawaii Revised Statutes that allows for these farm equipment moves.

Thank you for your consideration of my testimony.