

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

178

Honolulu, Hawaii

FEB 07 , 2023

RE: H.B. No. 200
H.D. 1

Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Thirty-Second State Legislature
Regular Session of 2023
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water & Land, to which was referred H.B. No. 200 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO VESSELS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to require that all rental kayaks in the State, beginning January 1, 2024, be registered and numbered with the Department of Land and Natural Resources on an annual basis and have an affixed identification number.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Hawai'i Fishermen's Alliance for Conservation and Tradition, Inc. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to this measure from one individual.

Your Committee finds that a kayak found floating on the ocean with no occupant automatically triggers an emergency response based on the assumption that the operator fell into the ocean. Such responses require the deployment of emergency search and rescue teams, which use substantial time and resources. This measure, through the required numbering of rental kayaks, provides a mechanism to assist responders in quickly contacting owners to verify whether an emergency response is necessary.

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Your Committee has amended this measure by:

- (1) Changing the effective date to June 30, 3000, to encourage further discussion; and
- (2) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water & Land that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 200, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 200, H.D. 1, and be referred to your Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water & Land,


LINDA ICHIYAMA, Chair



