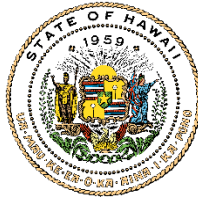


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WATER AND LAND

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In consideration of
SENATE BILL 2157
RELATING TO VESSELS

Senate Bill 2157 proposes to require rental kayaks to be registered and numbered with the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Department). **The Department offers the following comments.**

It will be difficult or impossible to determine which kayaks are rentals and which are owned by individuals for the purposes of registration. Further, in order to issue a registration, the Department will first need to determine ownership. For motorboats and other powered watercraft, manufacturers issue a Manufacturer's Statement of Origin (MSO), which also serves to verify ownership. Kayaks are not required to be issued with an MSO, so the Department could encounter issues in verifying ownership. There is a possibility that a person attempting to register a stolen kayak could be successful simply because they have possession of the kayak.

Although the Department currently has a process for commercial watersports equipment registration, these equipment registrations are only issued to those holding a valid commercial use permit (CUP) from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR). There are some kayak rental companies who do not need to obtain a CUP from DOBOR because they are not operating in areas under DOBOR jurisdiction or are renting and delivering equipment to individuals outside of DOBOR jurisdiction.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Uilani Naipo	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this measure.

- U'ilani Naipo

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Keoni Shizuma	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I stand in support of SB2157.

I believe this is about safety (of people and environment), pollution, and the over-commercialization of our resources. By registering each and every kayak rented, those who are offering kayak rentals will be held accountable for their actions. If people using these kayaks are improperly instructed and end up in dangerous positions, or if they go onto closed or off-limit areas (such as bird sanctuaries and controlled wetland areas), law enforcement will be able to track down who allowed these and fine those who are responsible for these actions. Tourists are often seen going to off-limits areas with their kayaks in Kailua, and now there will be a way to enforce against this occurring.

I applaud this bill and its effort to care for our resources and environment, as well as the safety of kayak renters.

Mahalo for your time and consideration.

Keoni Shizuma