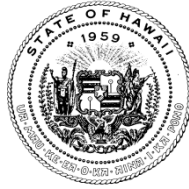


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SB3102, SD1
RELATING TO PORT PILOTAGE

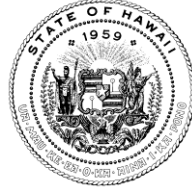
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The Department of Transportation (DOT) supports S.B. 3102, SD1, which clarifies the consulting role and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' development and implementation of pilot licensure standards, requirements, and criteria.

This bill proposes amendments to Chapter 462A of the Hawaii Revised Statutes to enhance the collaboration between the DOT and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) in establishing port pilot licensure standards. The DOT recognizes the critical importance of having well-qualified and properly licensed port pilots to ensure the safe navigation of vessels in our commercial harbors.

The proposed clarifications in S.B. 3102, SD1 will strengthen the existing framework for port pilot licensure by explicitly defining the DOT's consultative role.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of this bill.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Transportation
Thursday, March 19, 2026
8:30 a.m.
Conference Room 430 & Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.B. 3102, S.D. 2, RELATING TO PORT PILOTAGE**

Chair Kila and Members of the Committee:

My name is Danny Chau, and I am the Program Specialist for the Port Pilot Program (Program). The Department supports this measure.

The purpose of this bill is to clarify the consulting role and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation (DOT) in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (DCCA) development and implementation of pilot licensure standards, requirements, and criteria.

This measure seeks to improve maritime safety through improved coordination between the DOT, which manages harbors within the State, and the DCCA, who has the authority to grant port pilotage licenses. Under current law, the DOT has the authority pursuant to HRS §266 to manage, permit, and regulate the use of commercial harbors, ports, and docks, and set associated rates. Currently, under HRS §462A-3, the DCCA director has the authority, to grant port pilot licenses, develop rules to ensure efficiency, safety and an adequate supply of port pilots, develop standards for licensure,

to investigate suspected violations of the law and suspend, revoke, or deny the issuance of licenses accordingly, and to set pilotage rates.

The DCCA emphasizes the importance of the DOT's expertise in promoting uniformity, safety, and consistency in the regulation of port pilotage. With the DOT's guidance, the DCCA will work to development and implement updated, cohesive port pilot licensure requirements. The DCCA also supports the deletion of Port Allen from the definition of pilotage waters in HRS §462A-17. In addition, the DCCA will also collaborate with the DOT to ensure that port pilot licensing, fees, and service levels align with the States's maritime safety responsibilities and support the protection of property and vessels at Hawaii's commercial ports.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this bill.

SB-3102-SD-2

Submitted on: 3/17/2026 4:00:22 AM

Testimony for TRN on 3/19/2026 8:30:00 AM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
William Anonsen	THE MARITIME GROUP	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Testimony in Support of S.B. No. 3102, SD2

Relating to Port Pilotage

My name is William F. Anonsen, Managing Partner/Principal of The Maritime Group, and we respectfully submit testimony in strong support of S.B. No. 3102, SD2. Regrettably, I am currently traveling overseas and unable to testify in person.

This measure appropriately strengthens coordination between the Department of Transportation and the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs in establishing port pilot licensure standards, helping to ensure safe, efficient, and reliable harbor operations.

Hawai‘i’s commercial harbors serve as the State’s economic lifeline, with the vast majority of goods entering through these ports. Harbor pilots play a critical role in maintaining navigational safety and supporting the uninterrupted flow of commerce.

We also appreciate the Committee’s thoughtful consideration of stakeholder input regarding Port Allen. The proposed amendment reflects a practical, data-driven approach based on current and anticipated vessel activity.

Overall, this measure promotes safety, regulatory clarity, and operational efficiency across our harbor system.

Thank you for your consideration, and we respectfully urge your support.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Anonsen

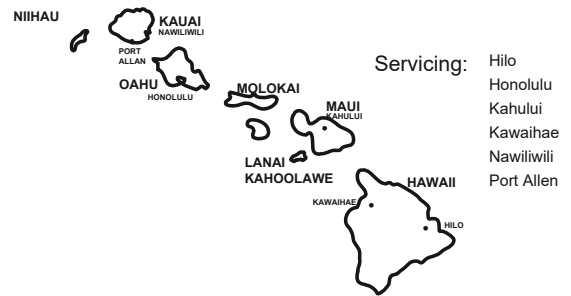
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Testimony to the Thirty-Third Legislature
2026 Regular Session
Committee on Transportation
Hearing: Thursday, March 19, 2026 (8:30 AM)

TO: Rep. Darius K. Kila, Chair;
Rep. Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair; and
Members of the Committee

FR: Hawaii Pilots Association

RE: SB3102, SD2 Relating to Port Pilotage

Hawaii Pilots Association (HPA) is the professional association of Hawai'i licensed port pilots formed pursuant to Hawaii's Pilotage Statute, Hawai'i Revised Statutes (HRS) Chapter 462A. HPA, established in 1979, provides safe, reliable and efficient pilotage throughout the Hawaiian Islands, including Hilo and Kawaihae Harbors on the Island of Hawai'i; Kahului Harbor on the Island of Maui; Honolulu, Kalaeloa (Barbers Point Deep Draft harbor) harbors, and Honolulu Anchorage, on the Island of O'ahu; and Nawiliwili on the Island of Kaua'i. In 2025, HPA had over 2,100 movements of various types of vessels ranging from gas tankers, cruise ships, containerships, car carriers, oil tankers, research vessels and even luxury mega yachts. Pilot boats are stationed at each of the islands to transport the pilot to an arriving vessel and to receive a disembarking pilot from an outbound vessel.

HPA members belong to the American Pilots Association, which has been the national association of the maritime piloting profession since 1884, and has over 1200 members nationwide. HPA currently has eight licensed port pilots serving the Hawaiian Islands. To become a fully qualified Port Pilot, the pilot must complete a Training Program that takes approximately 4.5 years to complete.

HPA **supports** SB3102, SD2 because it provides for more consultation between the licensing arm of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA") and the Harbors Division of the Department of Transportation ("DOT-Harbors"). DOT-Harbors possesses subject matter expertise in the port pilot industry and the various harbors in the State. DOT-Harbors also historically has engaged in regular, productive conversations with HPA and can potentially serve as a good resource for DCCA regarding HPA's recommendations and/or concerns.

HPA **further supports** SB3102, SD2 because the Senate Draft deletes the inclusion of Port Allen in the definition of pilotage waters in HRS Section 462A-17. HRS Chapter 462A specifically pertains to the licensing of pilots, but there has not been any Port Allen vessel traffic requiring the use of Hawai'i licensed port pilots for the past 30 years, and there is no expectation of such traffic in the foreseeable future. As a practical matter, there are no opportunities for pilots and pilots-in-training today to demonstrate or qualify for that experience in Port Allen. This makes it difficult to recruit otherwise capable and qualified new pilots. HPA must regularly seek exemptions from the State upon licensing or licensing renewal. Seeking and obtaining such an exemption adds an extra layer of "red tape" and delay to the pilot licensing process. Removing the reference to Port Allen in HRS Section 462A-17 will align the pilot licensing experience with current practices. The companion bill, HB 2283, HD1, was similarly amended, meaning both bills are now identical. Because the Legislature does not often have the opportunity to update this chapter, HPA both sought and now supports this additional amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

HAWAII PILOTS ASSOCIATION

Testimony of Matson Navigation Company, Inc.
Support of SB3102, SD2
Before the Committee on Transportation
March 19, 2026

Dear Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee:

Matson Navigation Company, Inc. supports SB3102, SD2, which ensures the Department of Transportation's expertise is incorporated to promote uniformity and safety in the regulatory implementation for port pilotage.

As an island state, Hawaii is very dependent upon our commercial harbors to ensure the continued and unimpeded flow of cargo in and out of our State. It is estimated that over 90 percent Hawaii's imported goods pass through our commercial harbors, including consumer goods, motor vehicles, construction materials, and fuel. Given the critical role of our commercial harbors, it is imperative that the State support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to service our residents and businesses. Harbor pilots are a critical part of this process as they provide safe and efficient navigation of vessels into our commercial harbors. This measure supports harbor pilots by requiring the Department of Transportation to provide recommendations to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on the number of harbor pilots necessary and other safety measures necessary to maintain efficient pilotage service in the State.

Thank you for considering our testimony in support with amendments.



Testimony in **SUPPORT** for SB 3102 SD2, Relating to Port Pilotage

House Committee on Transportation

March 19, 2026

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

The Hawaii Harbors Users Group is writing in **support** of SB 3102 SD2, relating to port pilotage. This bill clarifies the consulting role and responsibilities of the Department of Transportation in the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' development and implementation of pilot licensure standards, requirements, and criteria.

Our membership includes a broad range of maritime stakeholders and has a longstanding and well-established partnership with the Department of Transportation and the Hawaii Pilots Association, giving us a unique and informed perspective on the practical needs of the maritime industry and the State.

Effective pilot licensure standards are critical to maintaining safe, efficient, and reliable maritime commerce in Hawai'i, where ports are essential lifelines for residents, businesses, and visitors. SB 3102 SD2 supports a framework that promotes rigorous professional standards for pilots while recognizing the Department of Transportation's institutional knowledge of harbor conditions, vessel traffic patterns, and long-term planning needs. This collaborative approach will enhance consistency, transparency, and confidence in the licensure process for pilots and stakeholders alike.

Finally, we believe this measure will contribute to the continued safety and economic vitality of Hawai'i's maritime system. For these reasons, the Hawaii Harbors Users Group urges your support of SB 3102 SD2 and respectfully asks for its passage.



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March 19, 2026

The Thirty-Third Legislature
House of Representatives
Committee on Transportation

SUBJECT: TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB3102 SD2 – RELATING TO PORT PILOTAGE

Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and members of the committee:

The Hawaii State AFL-CIO supports SB3102 SD2 because Hawaii's economy depends on port operations that are safe, efficient, and properly staffed.

Our support reflects the position of our affiliates in the maritime industry, including the Hawaii Pilots Association and the Hawaii Ports Maritime Council, who have raised concerns with delays and gaps in the current licensing process.

Port pilots perform safety-critical work guiding large vessels in and out of our harbors. When licensing decisions are disconnected from operational expertise, it creates unnecessary delays and challenges in maintaining the workforce needed to meet demand.

Stronger coordination between agencies responsible for licensing and those managing daily port operations will improve efficiency, support workforce stability, and ensure decisions are grounded in real conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Perreira".

Randy Perreira
President
Hawaii State AFL-CIO



WRITTEN TESTIMONY ONLY

March 19, 2026

Rep. Darius K. Kila, Chair
Rep. Tyson K. Miyake, Vice Chair
House Committee on Transportation

RE: SB 3102, S.D. 2 – RELATING TO PORT PILOTAGE
Hearing date: March 19, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

Aloha Chair Kila, Vice Chair Miyake, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of Young Brothers, LLC (“YB”) offering **support** of **SB 3102, S.D. 2**, which ensures the Department of Transportation’s expertise is incorporated to promote uniformity and safety in the regulatory implementation for port pilotage.

YB is a water carrier that transports cargo by tug and barge between the islands of O’ahu, Hawai’i, Kaua’i, Maui, Moloka’i, and Lāna’i. Since 1900, customers across the state have relied on YB’s frequent, regular, and universal sailings to serve as the bridge that connects all communities in this island-state. YB’s operations span seven commercial ports across the state. Given the critical role of our commercial ports, it is imperative that the State support dependable and efficient cargo transportation and handling to serve our residents and businesses. Port pilots are a critical part of this process as they provide safe and efficient navigation of vessels into our commercial ports. This measure supports port pilots by requiring the Department of Transportation to provide recommendations to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs on the number of port pilots necessary and other safety measures necessary to maintain efficient pilotage service in the State.

Thank you for your service to the State of Hawaii, and for the opportunity to testify offering support on this measure.

Sincerely,

Kris Nakagawa
Vice President, External and Legal Affairs