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Senate Bill 103 - Boating Accidents - Reporting Requirement - Property Damage

I am Senator Simonaire presenting SB 103.

I worked with the Department of Natural Resources and other stakeholders on this consensus legislation with no known opposition.

To the bill, DNR stated:

"The bill clarifies that a vessel operator is required to report property damage accidents including damage to navigational aid markers, lights, or identifiers to ensure that the Department has this information, as the Department is required to report it to the United States Coast Guard."

We have seen when this information is not provided, delays in repairs can occur, the Coast Guard requirements are not being met and it can cause confusion after the fact.

I ask for your favorable consideration.