NAME
   zfs-hold - hold ZFS snapshots to prevent their removal

SYNOPSIS
   zfs hold [**-r**] *tag snapshot*<?>
   zfs holds [**-rHp**] *snapshot*<?>
   zfs release [**-r**] *tag snapshot*<?>

DESCRIPTION
   zfs hold [**-r**] *tag snapshot*<?>
   Adds a single reference, named with the *tag* argument, to the specified snapshots. Each snapshot has
   its own tag namespace, and tags must be unique within that space.

   If a hold exists on a snapshot, attempts to destroy that snapshot by using the **zfs destroy** command
   return **EBUSY**.

   -r Specifies that a hold with the given tag is applied recursively to the snapshots of all descendent file
       systems.

   zfs holds [**-rHp**] *snapshot*<?>
   Lists all existing user references for the given snapshot or snapshots.

   -r Lists the holds that are set on the named descendent snapshots, in addition to listing the holds on the
       named snapshot.

   -H
       Do not print headers, use tab-delimited output.

   -p
       Prints holds timestamps as unix epoch timestamps.

   zfs release [**-r**] *tag snapshot*<?>
   Removes a single reference, named with the *tag* argument, from the specified snapshot or snapshots.
   The tag must already exist for each snapshot. If a hold exists on a snapshot, attempts to destroy that
   snapshot by using the **zfs destroy** command return **EBUSY**.

   -r Recursively releases a hold with the given tag on the snapshots of all descendent file systems.

SEE ALSO
   zfs-destroy(8)