
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LAND.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§171- Public land; illegal use; rules. (a) It shall
5 be illegal for a hotel or resort to limit the use of public
6 land, including a beach, to its guests.

7 (b) For purposes of this section, "use of public land"
8 means putting equipment of the hotel or resort, including
9 chairs, tables, umbrellas, and other items typically used at a
10 beach and provided by a hotel or resort, onto public land,
11 including a beach.

12 (c) The department of land and natural resources shall
13 adopt rules, pursuant to chapter 91, to determine:

14 (1) The use of public beach lands by hotels, resorts, and
15 other businesses, specific to equipment and other
16 activities on beaches;

17 (2) What is a reasonable period of time for equipment to
18 be left on public beach lands; and



1 (3) A structure or schedule of fees for any violation of
2 this section."

3 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2025.



Report Title:

Public Land; Beaches; Use

Description:

Makes it illegal for hotels and resorts to limit the use of public land, including a beach, to its guests. Requires the Department of Land and Natural to establish certain rules regarding use of public beach lands (HB1538 HD1).

