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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BOATING.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that shipwrecked vessels  
2 represent a dangerous threat to the ocean environment,  
3 potentially damaging coral reefs and other vital parts of our  
4 ocean ecosystem. They may also pose a danger to other ships  
5 traveling in the vicinity of the wreck.

6           The legislature further finds that since the costs of  
7 disposing of shipwrecked vessels are high, many individuals  
8 abandon their vessels. The cost and responsibility to dispose  
9 of such vessels then falls upon the boating division of the  
10 department of land natural resources. The average annual amount  
11 of abandoned vessels far exceeds the amount of resources  
12 available to the boating division to dispose of these vessels.  
13 This results in a situation where shipwrecked and abandoned  
14 vessels litter the waterways of our state.

15           The purpose of this Act is to reduce the amount of  
16 shipwrecked and abandoned vessels in Hawaii's waterways by  
17 prohibiting a person from mooring a boat at a state small boat



1 harbor unless the person has obtained sufficient insurance to  
2 cover boat removal costs should the boat run aground.

3 SECTION 2. Section 200-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

5 **"§200-10 Permits and fees for state small boat harbors.**

6 (a) No person shall moor a vessel in a state small boat harbor  
7 without:

8 (1) First obtaining a use permit from the department;

9 [and]

10 (2) Obtaining insurance that provides sufficient coverage  
11 for vessel removal if the vessel runs aground or is  
12 otherwise rendered immobile. The chairperson may adopt  
13 rules necessary to enforce this paragraph; and

14 [~~2~~] (3) Being the owner of the vessel."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Insurance; Boating

**Description:**

Prohibits a person from mooring a boat at a state small boat harbor unless the person has obtained sufficient insurance to cover boat removal costs should the boat run aground.

