A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Chapter 171, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended b	y adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3	and to re	ad as follows:
4	" <u>§17</u>	1- Criminal penalties. (a) Any person found guilty
5	of a viol	ation of chapter 171 or any rules adopted thereunder
6	shall be	guilty of a petty misdemeanor and shall be punished as
7	follows:	
8	(1)	For a first offense, by a mandatory fine of not less
9		that \$500, or imprisonment of not more that thirty
10		days, or both;
11	(2)	For a second offense within five years of a previous
12		conviction under this section, by a mandatory fine of
13		not less that \$1,000, or imprisonment of not more than
14		thirty days, or both; and
15	<u>(3)</u>	For a third or subsequent offense within five years of
16		a second conviction under this section, by a mandatory
17		fine of not less than \$2,000, or imprisonment of not
18		more than thirty days, or both.

- 1 (b) Any criminal action against a person for any violation
- 2 under this section shall not be deemed to preclude the State
- 3 from pursuing civil legal action to recover administrative fines
- 4 and costs against the person. Any civil legal action against a
- 5 person to recover administrative fines and costs for any
- 6 violation of chapter 171 and rules adopted thereunder shall not
- 7 be deemed to preclude the State from pursing any criminal action
- 8 against that person pursuant to this section."
- 9 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 11 begun, before its effective date.
- 12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

Report Title:

Public Lands; Criminal Penalties

Description:

Makes violation of chapter 171, relating to public lands and rules adopted thereunder a petty misdemeanor. (SD1)