
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES ON OCEAN WATERS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to authorize the
2 department of land and natural resources to regulate those
3 commercial enterprises that operate out of private marinas.

4 It is not the intent of this Act to provide for additional
5 regulation of existing regulated commercial enterprises, but to
6 address only currently unregulated activities.

7 SECTION 2. Section 200-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
8 amended to read as follows:

9 " [†]§200-3[†] **Ocean recreation and coastal areas programs.**

10 The board shall assume the following functions of the department
11 of transportation:

12 (1) Managing and administering the ocean-based recreation
13 and coastal areas programs of the State;

14 (2) Planning, developing, operating, administering, and
15 maintaining small boat harbors, launching ramps, and
16 other boating facilities and associated aids to
17 navigation throughout the State;



- 1 (3) Developing and administering an ocean recreation
- 2 management plan;
- 3 (4) Administering and operating a vessel registration
- 4 system for the State;
- 5 (5) Regulating the [~~commercial~~] commercially permitted use
- 6 of both governmental and private boating facilities;
- 7 (6) Regulating boat regattas and other ocean water events;
- 8 (7) Administering a marine casualty and investigation
- 9 program;
- 10 (8) Assisting in abating air, water, and noise pollution;
- 11 (9) Conducting public education in boating safety;
- 12 (10) Administering the boating special fund;
- 13 (11) Assisting in controlling shoreline erosion;
- 14 (12) Repairing seawalls and other existing coastal
- 15 protective structures under the jurisdiction of the
- 16 State; and
- 17 (13) Removing nonnatural obstructions and public safety
- 18 hazards from the shoreline, navigable streams,
- 19 harbors, channels, and coastal areas of the State."

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

22 "(a) The chairperson may adopt rules necessary:



- 1 (1) To regulate the manner in which all vessels may enter
2 the ocean waters and navigable streams of the State
3 and moor, anchor, or dock at small boat harbors,
4 launching ramps, and other boating facilities owned or
5 controlled by the State;
- 6 (2) To regulate the embarking and disembarking of
7 passengers at small boat harbors, launching ramps,
8 other boating facilities, and public beaches;
- 9 (3) For the safety of small boat harbors, launching ramps,
10 and other boating facilities, the vessels anchored or
11 moored therein;
- 12 (4) For the conduct of the public using small boat
13 harbors, launching ramps, and other boating facilities
14 owned or controlled by the State;
- 15 (5) To regulate and control recreational and commercial
16 use of small boat harbors, launching ramps, and other
17 boating facilities owned or controlled by the State
18 and the ocean waters and navigable streams of the
19 State;
- 20 (6) To prevent the discharge or throwing into small boat
21 harbors, launching ramps, other boating facilities,
22 ocean waters, and navigable streams, of rubbish,



1 refuse, garbage, or other substances likely to affect
2 the quality of the water or that contribute to making
3 the small boat harbors, launching ramps, other boating
4 facilities, ocean waters, and streams unsightly,
5 unhealthful, or unclean, or that are liable to fill
6 up, shoal, or shallow the waters in, near, or
7 affecting small boat harbors, launching ramps, and
8 other boating facilities and the ocean waters and
9 navigable streams of the State, and likewise to
10 prevent the escape of fuel or other oils or substances
11 into the waters in, near, or affecting small boat
12 harbors, launching ramps, or other boating facilities
13 and the ocean waters and navigable streams of the
14 State from any source point, including, but not
15 limited to, any vessel or from pipes or storage tanks
16 upon land. The rules may include:

17 (A) Requirements for permits and fees for:

- 18 (i) The mooring, docking, or anchoring of
19 recreational and commercial vessels or the
20 launching of recreational or commercial
21 vessels at small boat harbors, launching
22 ramps, and other boating facilities; or



- 1 (ii) Other uses of these facilities;
- 2 (B) Requirements for permits and fees for use of a
- 3 vessel as a principal place of habitation while
- 4 moored at a state small boat harbor;
- 5 (C) Requirements governing:
- 6 (i) The transfer of any state commercial,
- 7 mooring, launching, or any other type of use
- 8 or other permit, directly or indirectly,
- 9 including, but not limited to, the
- 10 imposition or assessment of a business
- 11 transfer fee upon transfer of ownership of
- 12 vessels operating commercially from, within
- 13 or in any way related to the state small
- 14 boat harbors; and
- 15 (ii) The use of state small boat harbors,
- 16 launching ramps, or other boating facilities
- 17 belonging to or controlled by the State,
- 18 including, but not limited to, the
- 19 establishment of minimum amounts of annual
- 20 gross receipts required to renew a
- 21 commercial use permit, and conditions under
- 22 which a state commercial, mooring,



1 launching, or any other type of use or other
2 permit may be terminated, canceled, or
3 forfeited; and

4 (D) Any other rule necessary to implement this
5 chapter pertaining to small boat harbors,
6 launching ramps, and other boating facilities
7 belonging to or controlled by the State;

8 (7) To continue the ocean recreational and coastal areas
9 programs and govern the ocean waters and navigable
10 streams of the State, and beaches encumbered with
11 easements in favor of the public to protect and foster
12 public peace and tranquility and to promote public
13 safety, health, and welfare in or on the ocean waters
14 and navigable streams of the State, and on beaches
15 encumbered with easements in favor of the public. The
16 rules may include:

17 (A) Regulating the anchoring and mooring of vessels,
18 houseboats, and other contrivances outside of any
19 harbor or boating facility, including:

20 (i) The designation of offshore mooring areas;

21 (ii) The licensing and registration of vessels,

22 houseboats, and other contrivances; and the



1 issuance of permits for offshore anchoring
2 and mooring of vessels, houseboats, and
3 other contrivances; and

4 (iii) The living aboard on such vessels,
5 houseboats, or other contrivances while they
6 are anchored or moored within ocean waters
7 or navigable streams of the State.

8 The rules shall provide for consideration of
9 environmental impacts on the State's aquatic resources
10 in the issuance of any permits for offshore mooring;

11 (B) Safety measures, requirements, and practices in
12 or on the ocean waters and navigable streams of
13 the State;

14 (C) The licensing and registration of persons or
15 organizations engaged in commercial activities in
16 or on the ocean waters and navigable streams of
17 the State;

18 (D) The licensing and registration of equipment
19 utilized for commercial activities in or on the
20 ocean waters and navigable streams of the State;



1 (E) For beaches encumbered with easements in favor of
2 the public, the prohibition or denial of the
3 following uses and activities:

- 4 (i) Commercial activities;
- 5 (ii) The storage, parking, and display of any
6 personal property;
- 7 (iii) The placement of structures or obstructions;
- 8 (iv) The beaching, landing, mooring, or anchoring
9 of any vessels; and
- 10 (v) Other uses or activities that may interfere
11 with the public use and enjoyment of these
12 beaches; and

13 (F) Any other matter relating to the safety, health,
14 and welfare of the general public; and

15 (8) To regulate the examination, guidance, and control of
16 harbor agents and their assistants[-]; and

17 (9) To regulate commercial activities in private marinas.

18 For purposes of this paragraph:

19 "Commercial activity" shall have the same meaning
20 as section 188-40.6."

21 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2030.



Report Title:

Ocean Resources; Commercial Activities; DLNR

Description:

Adds regulatory function over commercially permitted use of government and private boating facilities and commercial activities in private marinas. (SB2196 SD2)

