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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 3 as follows: 4 "CHAPTER HYDRAULIC FRACTURING 5 6 S -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the 7 context otherwise requires: 8 "Board" means the board of land and natural resources. 9 "Fluid" means any material or substance which flows or 10 moves whether in semi-solid, liquid, sludge, gas, or any other 11 form or state. 12 "Hydraulic fracturing" means the process of pumping a fluid 13 into or under the surface of the ground in order to create 14 fractures in rock for the purpose of producing or recovering oil 15 or qas. 16 -2 Hydraulic fracturing; prohibited. (a) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or other business entity 17

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- 1 to engage in hydraulic fracturing within the State without first
- 2 obtaining a permit to do so.
- 3 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person, corporation, or
- 4 other business entity to collect, transport, store, process, or
- 5 discharge waste fluid from hydraulic fracturing within the State
- 6 without first obtaining a permit to do so.
- 7 § -3 Application for permit; fee. (a) Any person,
- 8 corporation, or other business entity desiring to engage in
- 9 hydraulic fracturing or collect, transport, store, process, or
- 10 discharge waste fluid from hydraulic fracturing shall make
- 11 written application to the board for a permit. Application for
- 12 the permit shall be made upon forms furnished by the board,
- 13 which shall require such documentation or information as the
- 14 board may require. The application shall be accompanied by an
- 15 annual fee in an amount to be determined by the board.
- 16 (b) After a public hearing conducted in accordance with
- 17 chapter 91, the board, in its discretion, may grant an
- 18 application for a permit with or without conditions or deny an
- 19 application for a permit. The board may cancel a permit or
- 20 amend conditions in a permit upon written notice and a public
- 21 hearing conducted in accordance with chapter 91.

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- 1 (c) The board shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
- 2 necessary to carry out the purposes of this section. No permit
- 3 shall be issued to allow hydraulic fracturing or the collection,
- 4 transportation, storage, processing, or discharge of waste fluid
- 5 from hydraulic fracturing pending the adoption of rules by the
- 6 board.
- 7 § -4 Penalty; injunction. Any person, corporation, or
- 8 other business entity that violates section -2 shall be fined
- 9 not more than \$ for every violation.
- 10 Any person, corporation, or other business that entity
- 11 violates section -2 may also be enjoined by the circuit court
- 12 from continuing the violation.
- 13 The penalty and remedy provided by this section shall be in
- 14 addition to any criminal or civil penalty provided by any other
- 15 law.
- 16 § -5 Enforcement. The board or its authorized
- 17 representative is authorized to charge and collect the fines set
- 18 forth pursuant to section -4 and bring legal action to enjoin
- 19 conduct prohibited by this chapter."
- 20 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 21 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 22 begun before its effective date.

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1 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Conservation; Mining and Materials; Hydraulic Fracturing

Description:

Prohibits hydraulic fracturing for oil or gas recovery and the collection, storage, treatment, or discharge of wastewater from hydraulic fracturing without first obtaining a permit from the board of land and natural resources. Establishes procedures for obtaining a permit. Requires the board to adopt rules. Provides for penalties and enforcement.

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