



GOV. MSG. NO. 1145

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HONOLULU

DAVID Y. IGE
GOVERNOR

June 8, 2021

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi,
President
and Members of the Senate
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Scott K. Saiki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty First State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear President Kouchi, Speaker Saiki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on June 8, 2021, the following bill was signed into law:

HB1018 HD2 SD1

RELATING TO LAY NETS.
ACT 045 (21)

Sincerely,

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAY NETS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that despite detailed lay
2 net rules implemented by the department of land and natural
3 resources, including lay net registration and identification
4 requirements and restrictions on lay net dimensions, mesh size,
5 soak time, time of day, frequency between sets, water depth, and
6 location, the illegal and irresponsible use of lay nets
7 continues with adverse impacts to both fishery resources and
8 protected species.

9 The legislature further finds that lay net violations are
10 primarily fishery-related infractions that the department of
11 land and natural resources investigates and that a lay net
12 permit system is necessary to better regulate this gear type.

13 The purpose of this Act is to authorize the department of
14 land and natural resources to adopt rules to establish a lay net
15 permit for the use or possession of lay nets, including
16 reasonable permit fees and provisions for revocation,



1 suspension, and withholding of permits for noncompliance with
2 lay net rules.

3 SECTION 2. Section 187A-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "§187A-5 Rules. Subject to chapter 91, the department
6 shall adopt, amend, and repeal rules for and concerning the
7 protection and propagation of introduced and transplanted
8 aquatic life~~[7]~~ or the conservation and allocation of the
9 natural supply of aquatic life in any area. The rules may
10 include the following:

11 (1) Size limits;

12 (2) Bag limits;

13 (3) Open and closed fishing seasons;

14 (4) Permits for the use and possession of lay nets,
15 including reasonable permit fees and provisions for
16 revocation, suspension, and withholding of permits for
17 noncompliance with lay net rules;

18 ~~[(4)]~~ (5) Specifications and numbers of fishing or taking
19 gear ~~[which]~~ that may be used or possessed; and

20 ~~[(5)]~~ (6) ~~[Prescribe]~~ Prescriptions and ~~[limit]~~ limits on

21 the kind and amount of bait that may be used in taking



1 aquatic life[7] and the conditions for entry into
2 areas for taking aquatic life.
3 The rules may vary from one county to another and may specify
4 certain days of the week or certain hours of the day in
5 designating open seasons. All rules shall have the force and
6 effect of law. Any person who violates any of the rules adopted
7 pursuant to this section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor
8 and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided by
9 section 188-70."

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

APPROVED this 08 day of JUN , 2021



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



HB No. 1018, HD 2, SD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 22, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives

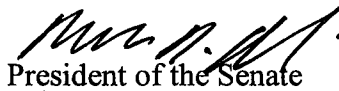



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I

Date: April 13, 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Third Reading in the Senate
of the Thirty-First Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2021.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate