
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHING.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 188, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§188- Possession or use of unmanned aerial vehicles
5 on, in, or near state marine waters prohibited; exception. (a)
6 It is unlawful to possess or use on, in, or near state marine
7 waters, any unmanned aerial vehicles, for the purpose of taking
8 aquatic life, except under the terms and conditions of a permit
9 first obtained by the user from the department of land and
10 natural resources; provided that unmanned aerial vehicles may be
11 used for the purpose of simple reconnaissance. The department
12 of land and natural resources may issue permits for the
13 possession or use of unmanned aerial vehicles consistent with
14 other legal requirements.

15 (b) As used in this section, "unmanned aerial vehicle"
16 means any aerial vehicle that is operated without the



1 possibility of direct human intervention within or on the aerial
2 vehicle."

3 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
4 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
5 begun before its effective date.

6 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle; Fishing; State Marine Waters;
Prohibition; DLNR

Description:

Prohibits the possession or use of unmanned aerial vehicles on, in, or near state marine waters for purposes of fishing, unless permitted by the department of land and natural resources.
Effective 7/1/2050. (HD2)

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