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

14 (b) Any person violating this section shall be guilty of a
15 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than \$10,000, or
16 imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

17 (c) For the purposes of this subsection:



1 "Unmanned aerial vehicle" means any aerial vehicle that is
2 operated without the possibility of direct human intervention
3 within or on the aerial vehicle. The term "unmanned aerial
4 vehicle" does not include a remote-controlled airplane.

5 "Remote controlled airplane" means a small aircraft,
6 usually made of cardboard, foam, or other flimsy and
7 insubstantial material, that has fixed wings and one or two
8 remote-controlled, electric rotors."

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:

Unmanned Aerial Vehicle; Fishing; State Waters; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits the possession or use of unmanned aerial vehicles in state waters for purposes of fishing. (SD2)

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