

JAN 26 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that illegal poaching and
2 extraction of marine species, rare corals, and fish for
3 commercial gain are serious problems in Hawaii, and are
4 heightened by challenges in enforcing applicable laws. The
5 legislature believes that there is substantial interest in
6 protecting endangered marine species from those seeking non-
7 subsistence-based commercial gain. The legislature therefore
8 finds that the State must take action to stop illegal trophy
9 hunting, profiteering from endangered species, and illegal
10 extraction that impacts Hawaii's reefs.

11 The purpose of this Act is to improve the enforcement of
12 laws relating to the protection of marine life and prevent the
13 commercial exploitation of Hawaii's marine ecosystems.

14 SECTION 2. Chapter 264, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
16 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§264- Transport of marine life harvested for
2 commercial purposes; prohibition. (a) No person shall use a
3 state-owned road, street, or highway to transport:

4 (1) Endangered marine species harvested from the waters of
5 the State for commercial purposes; or

6 (2) Marine species harvested from the waters of the State
7 for non-subsistence commercial purposes.

8 (b) For the purposes of this section, "commercial" means
9 for selling, offering for sale, possessing with intent to sell,
10 bartering, landing, or taking any other actions for the purpose
11 of profit or gain."

12 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 3275

Report Title:

Marine Species; Harvesting; Commercial Purposes; State Roads

Description:

Prohibits any person from using a state-owned road, street, or highway to transport: (1) endangered marine species harvested from state waters for commercial purposes; and (2) marine species harvested from state waters for non-subsistence commercial purposes.

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