



GOV. MSG. NO. 1159

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

JOSH GREEN, M.D.
GOVERNOR
KE KIA'ĀINA

June 5, 2023

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

✓ The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, and Members of the
House of Representatives
Thirty-Second 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 5, 2023, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1505 SD2 HD2

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.
ACT 059

Sincerely,

Josh Green, M.D.
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on JUN 5 2023

THE SENATE
THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023
STATE OF HAWAII

S.B. NO. 1505
S.D. 2
H.D. 2

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 or harmful
2 activity throughout the Pacific Ocean has been increasing. In
3 many cases, foreign vessels have entered new areas of the
4 Pacific Ocean to traffic illegal commodities. Other foreign
5 vessels have frequently entered other nations' protected areas
6 to collect resources to the detriment of local communities and
7 are beginning to scout waters near Hawaii to conduct undersea
8 mining that will irreparably harm Hawaii's undersea ecosystems.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to restrict vessels
10 that have been engaged in specific unpermitted or unlicensed
11 activities from entering or departing ports in the State's
12 commercial harbor system.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 266, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
15 designated and to read as follows:

16 "§266- Restriction of use of facilities. The
17 department of transportation may delay or deny approval for port



1 entry or departure for any vessel for which the department has
 2 received notice from a federal agency or other agency that the
 3 vessel or its crew has engaged in activity that has violated any
 4 federal, state, or county law or rule pertaining to
 5 environmental protection, maritime transportation, trafficking
 6 of illegal contraband, or the collection or extraction of
 7 undersea minerals unlicensed or unpermitted by the State;
 8 provided that the department may grant approvals for use of any
 9 commercial harbor facility by that vessel in coordination with
 10 the federal agency or other agency."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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APPROVED this 5th day of June, 2023



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII



THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI'I

Date: April 18, 2023
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2023.


President of the Senate


Clerk of the Senate

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 3, 2023
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Third Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023.



Scott K. Saiki
Speaker
House of Representatives



Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives