
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR PROFESSIONAL SURVEYORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that professional land
2 surveyors require reasonable access over and across certain real
3 properties at reasonable times in the regular course of their
4 work to conduct a survey of common property boundaries that are
5 used to determine the legal interests of parties in real
6 property. A professional land surveyor requires access to:

- 7 (1) Retrace record boundary lines;
- 8 (2) Recover or reestablish boundary monuments or survey
9 controls; and
- 10 (3) Locate rights-of-way or improvements with positional
11 discrepancies.

12 Without a right of entry, a professional land surveyor
13 conducting a land survey is often subject to trespass laws,
14 prohibiting the land surveyor from conducting a land survey
15 required to ensure the public's interest in maintaining a sound
16 and uniform real property system.

17 The purpose of this Act is to establish a right of entry
18 for professional land surveyors and any assistants under the



1 direct supervision of professional land surveyors to conduct
2 surveys that protects the real property interests of property
3 owners and the public interest in maintaining the integrity of a
4 sound uniform real property system.

5 SECTION 2. Chapter 464, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
7 and to read as follows:

8 "§464- Professional land surveyor right of entry to
9 private property; notification; identification. (a) A
10 professional land surveyor licensed pursuant to this chapter,
11 and any assistant under the direct supervision of the
12 professional land surveyor, may enter the private property of
13 the landowner of the real property to be surveyed and any
14 adjoining lands, but not any building, structure, residence, or
15 vehicle, at reasonable times to perform land surveying at the
16 request of the landowner of, or person with an interest in, the
17 real property to be surveyed after providing a written notice
18 not less than ten days before the proposed date of entry.

19 (b) The written notice shall include:

20 (1) The date and time the entry is scheduled to occur;

21 (2) A description of the work to be performed;



1 (3) The approximate duration of the entry;

2 (4) A statement that the landowner of the real property to
3 be surveyed and the landowners of adjoining lands may
4 refuse entry by making a timely written objection;

5 (5) A statement of the date, time, and method by which the
6 landowner of the real property to be surveyed and the
7 landowners of adjoining lands may object; and

8 (6) A statement of the date, time, and method by which the
9 landowner of, or person with an interest in, the real
10 property to be surveyed and the landowner or occupier
11 of adjoining lands may notify of a disruption or
12 interference with operations on the properties
13 involved.

14 (c) The written notice shall be sent to the last known
15 address of the landowner of, or person with an interest in, the
16 real property to be surveyed and the landowner or occupier of
17 adjoining lands to be accessed. Notice sent by certified mail
18 shall be deemed sufficient notice for purposes of this section.

19 (d) An objection shall be expressly communicated to the
20 professional land surveyor in writing no later than seventy-two
21 hours before the date the survey work is to be performed. If



1 the landowner of the real property to be surveyed or a landowner
2 of adjoining lands makes a timely objection, the professional
3 land surveyor, and any assistant under the direct supervision of
4 the professional land surveyor, shall not be authorized to enter
5 the private property of the objecting landowner pursuant to this
6 section. If the landowner of the real property to be surveyed
7 or a landowner of adjoining lands does not make a timely
8 objection, the professional land surveyor, and any assistant
9 under the direct supervision of the professional land surveyor,
10 shall be authorized to enter the private property of the
11 landowner pursuant to this section.

12 (e) When the landowner of, or person with an interest in,
13 the real property to be surveyed or the landowner or occupier of
14 adjoining lands gives notice to the professional land surveyor
15 that the surveying may disrupt or interfere with operations on
16 the properties involved, the professional land surveyor shall
17 meet with the landowner, person with interest, or occupier to
18 negotiate a mutually agreeable date and time to perform the land
19 surveying.

20 (f) The professional land surveyor or professional land
21 surveyor's assistant shall carry:



- 1 (1) A government-issued photo identification;
- 2 (2) A copy of the written notice submitted pursuant to
- 3 this section; and
- 4 (3) The land surveyor's:
 - 5 (A) Certificate of licensure with the license number
 - 6 issued pursuant to this chapter, or a facsimile
 - 7 thereof; or
 - 8 (B) Seal or stamp, or facsimile thereof, authorized
 - 9 pursuant to section 464-11."

10 SECTION 3. Section 708-813, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
 11 amended by amending subsection (2) to read as follows:

- 12 "(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply to [a]:
- 13 (a) A process server who enters or remains in or upon the
 - 14 land or premises of another, unless the land or
 - 15 premises are secured with a fence and locked gate, for
 - 16 the purpose of making a good faith attempt to perform
 - 17 their legal duties and to serve process upon any of
 - 18 the following:
 - 19 [~~a~~] (i) An owner or occupant of the land or
 - 20 premises;



Report Title:

Professional Land Surveyors; Right of Entry; Private Property;
Trespass

Description:

Authorizes professional land surveyors, and any assistant under the direct supervision of the professional land surveyor, to enter any private property to perform land surveying, subject to certain provisions regarding notice, objections, and identification. Shields professional land surveyors and their assistants from prosecution under criminal trespass laws when performing their duties. (CD1)

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