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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOORING LINES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaiian  
2 archipelago is the most remote island chain in the world, where  
3 ninety-eight per cent of all goods are processed by the harbor  
4 system. Tugs are vital to Hawaii's shipping industry, as tugs  
5 bring in tens of thousands of goods to the State each day. To  
6 properly secure shipping vessels to wharves, mooring lines are  
7 thrown over the bollard, which are then secured by certified  
8 longshore linespersons to safely secure the bulkhead.

9           The legislature also finds that, presently, it is not  
10 required for any out-of-state company to utilize trained local  
11 longshore linespersons to secure their operational vessel to the  
12 State's commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, bulkheads, and  
13 landings belonging to or controlled by the State.

14           The legislature further finds that all stevedoring  
15 companies operating within the state harbor system are required  
16 to be certified and recertified to follow all health and safety  
17 guidelines. Stevedoring companies are crucial to the State's



1 harbors infrastructure and stevedoring companies are well-versed  
2 in the uniqueness of each state harbor's challenges pertaining  
3 to the loading and landing of merchandise.

4 Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require that the  
5 securing of mooring lines from vessels requiring tug assistance  
6 to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be  
7 performed by a stevedoring company.

8 SECTION 2. Section 266-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
9 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

10 "(a) The department of transportation shall:

11 (1) Have and exercise all the powers and shall perform all  
12 the duties [~~which~~] that may lawfully be exercised by  
13 or under the State relative to the control and  
14 management of commercial harbors, commercial harbor  
15 and waterfront improvements, ports, docks, wharves,  
16 piers, quays, bulkheads, and landings belonging to or  
17 controlled by the State, and the shipping using the  
18 same;

19 (2) Have the authority to use and permit and regulate the  
20 use of the commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays,  
21 bulkheads, [~~and~~] landings belonging to or controlled



1 by the State for receiving or discharging passengers  
2 and for loading and landing merchandise, with a right  
3 to collect wharfage and demurrage thereon or therefor;  
4 (3) Subject to all applicable provisions of law, have the  
5 power to fix and regulate from time to time rates and  
6 charges for:  
7 (A) Services rendered in mooring commercial vessels;  
8 (B) The use of commercial moorings belonging to or  
9 controlled by the State;  
10 (C) Wharfage or demurrage;  
11 (D) Warehouse space, office space, and storage space  
12 for freight, goods, wares and merchandise; and  
13 (E) The use of derricks or other equipment belonging  
14 to the State or under the control of the  
15 department;  
16 (4) Make other charges, including toll or tonnage charges  
17 on freight passing over or across docks, wharves,  
18 piers, quays, bulkheads, or landings;  
19 (5) Appoint and remove clerks, harbor agents and their  
20 assistants, and all such other employees as may be  
21 necessary, and to fix their compensation;



1        (6) Require that the securing of mooring lines from  
2        vessels requiring tug assistance to commercial docks,  
3        wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by a  
4        stevedoring company;

5        [~~6~~] (7) Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 and not  
6        inconsistent with law; and

7        [~~7~~] (8) Generally have all powers necessary to fully  
8        carry out this chapter.

9        As used in this subsection:

10        "Manifested cargo" means cargo, passengers, and crew of a  
11        vessel listed on a manifest or cargo document for the use of  
12        customs and other officials.

13        "Stevedoring company" means a company registered to do  
14        business in the State that is authorized to secure mooring lines  
15        from vessels to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays,  
16        bulkheads, and landings and provides services in the loading and  
17        offloading of manifested cargo.

18        "Tug" means a boat used for towing larger vessels."

19        SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
20        and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



**1** SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



**Report Title:**

Mooring Lines; Department of Transportation; Stevedoring Companies

**Description:**

Requires that the securing of mooring lines from vessels requiring tug assistance to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by a stevedoring company. Defines "stevedoring company". Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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