### HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

## H.B. NO. <sup>2479</sup> H.D. 2

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE TAKING OF MARINE DEPOSITS.

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

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the department of 1 2 land and natural resources (department) regularly receives 3 requests for permits that involve the taking of sand, dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, or other marine deposits from 4 5 state waters for research, education, management, or propagation 6 purposes. However, the department is not authorized to approve 7 these permit requests because section 171-58.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, does not currently allow for the taking of these 8 9 resources for those purposes.

10 The purpose of this Act is to allow for the taking of sand, 11 dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, or other marine 12 deposits seaward from the shoreline for research, education, 13 management, or propagation purposes when authorized by permits 14 issued by the department of land and natural resources.

15 SECTION 2. Section 171-58.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 16 amended to read as follows:

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1	"§17:	1-58.5 [ <del>Prohibitions.</del> ] <u>Marine deposits; prohibitions;</u>
2	exception	<b>s.</b> The mining or taking of sand, dead coral or coral
3	rubble, ro	ocks, soil, or other marine deposits seaward from the
4	shoreline	[ <del>is</del> ] <u>shall be</u> prohibited, with the following
5	exception	5:
6	(1)	The inadvertent taking [from seaward of the shoreline]
7		of these materials, such as those inadvertently
8		carried away on the body, [and on] clothes, toys,
9		recreational equipment, and bags;
10	(2)	For the replenishment or protection of public
11		shoreline areas and adjacent public lands seaward of
12		the shoreline, or construction or maintenance of state
13		approved lagoons, harbors, launching ramps, or
14		navigational channels with a permit authorized under
15		chapter 183C;
16	(3)	The clearing of these materials from existing drainage
17		pipes and canals and from the mouths of streams
18		including clearing for the purposes under section 46-
19	•	11.5; provided that the sand removed shall be placed
20		on adjacent areas unless this placement would result
21		in significant turbidity;

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1	(4)	The cleaning of areas seaward of the shoreline for
2		state or county maintenance purposes including the
3		purposes under section 46-12; provided that the sand
4		removed shall be placed on adjacent areas unless the
5		placement would result in significant turbidity;
6	(5)	The taking of these materials for research, education,
7		management, or propagation purposes when authorized by
8		a permit issued by the department;
9	[ <del>(5)</del> ]	(6) The exercise of traditional cultural practices as
10		authorized by law or as permitted by the department
11		pursuant to article XII, section 7, of the Hawaii
12		State Constitution; or
13	[ <del>(6)</del> ]	(7) For the response to a public emergency or a state
14		or local disaster."
15	SECT	ION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16	and stric	ken. New statutory material is underscored.
17	SECT	ION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 3000.

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#### Report Title:

Taking of Marine Deposits Seaward of the Shoreline; Permits; Exceptions

#### Description:

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Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to approve permits for research, education, management, or propagation purposes that include the taking of sand, dead coral or coral rubble, rocks, soil, and other marine deposits seaward from the shoreline. Effective 7/1/3000. (HD2)

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