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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL HARBORS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 266, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "§266- Order to evacuate a commercial harbor;  
5 penalties. (a) During an emergency, any master or person in  
6 charge of a vessel using the commercial waterways and facilities  
7 under the jurisdiction of the department of transportation shall  
8 comply with and carry into effect any evacuation order from a  
9 commercial harbor issued by the harbor master assigned to that  
10 commercial harbor.

11 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, any person,  
12 including but not limited to a vessel master, agent, owner, or  
13 crew, who violates this section shall be fined \$10,000 for each  
14 day of violation per vessel; provided that in addition to the  
15 finer, a court, the department of transportation, or a hearing  
16 officer may deprive the offender of the privilege of entering  
17 the secured area of a commercial harbor or obtaining an



1 operating or mooring permit for any vessel in a commercial  
2 harbor for a period of one year.

3 (c) For the purposes of this section:

4 "Emergency" has the same meaning as in section 127A-2.

5 "Evacuation" means the immediate and rapid movement of  
6 individuals and vessels away from the threat or actual  
7 occurrence of any hazard, emergency, or disaster, which includes  
8 leaving any commercial harbor under the jurisdiction of the  
9 department of transportation.

10 "Harbor master" means any person appointed to that office  
11 by the director of transportation and vested with the  
12 operational control of a state commercial harbor. "Harbor  
13 master" includes any harbor district manager, commercial harbors  
14 manager, and harbor agent.

15 "Vessel" includes all description of watercraft that are  
16 used or are capable of being used as a means of transportation  
17 on or in the water."

18 SECTION 2. Section 266-19, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
19 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

20 "(a) There is created in the treasury of the State the  
21 harbor special fund. All moneys received by the department of



1 transportation from the rates, fees, fines, and administrative  
2 penalties pursuant to sections 266-17(a)(1), 266-25, 266-28,  
3 [~~and~~] 266-30, and 266- shall be paid into the harbor special  
4 fund. The harbor special fund and the second separate harbor  
5 special fund heretofore created shall be consolidated into the  
6 harbor special fund at such time as there are no longer any  
7 revenue bonds payable from the second separate harbor special  
8 fund. The harbor reserve fund heretofore created is abolished.

9 All moneys derived pursuant to this chapter from harbor  
10 properties of the statewide system of harbors shall be paid into  
11 the harbor special fund and each fiscal year shall be  
12 appropriated, applied, or expended by the department of  
13 transportation for the statewide system of harbors for any  
14 purpose within the jurisdiction, powers, duties, and functions  
15 of the department of transportation related to the statewide  
16 system of harbors, including, without limitation, the costs of  
17 operation, maintenance, and repair of the statewide system of  
18 harbors and reserves therefor, and acquisitions (including real  
19 property and interests therein), constructions, additions,  
20 expansions, improvements, renewals, replacements,  
21 reconstruction, engineering, investigation, and planning, for



1 the statewide system of harbors, all or any of which in the  
2 judgment of the department of transportation are necessary to  
3 the performance of its duties or functions."

4 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
5 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

6 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

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**Report Title:**

Department of Transportation; Commercial Harbor; Evacuation  
Orders; Emergencies

**Description:**

Requires masters or persons in charge of vessels to follow an order by a harbor master to evacuate a commercial harbor in emergencies. Establishes higher penalties for noncompliance. Authorizes fines collected for violations of this requirement as moneys to be paid into the Special Harbor Fund. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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