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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHERIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that fisheries management
2 in state waters is the responsibility of the department of land
3 and natural resources. In carrying out this responsibility, the
4 department is required to conduct careful analysis of data on
5 the fishery and its ecosystem to determine if the fishery can be
6 sustainably harvested. Further, the analysis also ensures the
7 protection of environmental and cultural values of the
8 surrounding ecosystem. For these reasons, the legislature finds
9 that it is not necessary for the department or those engaged in
10 operating or managing the fishery to also prepare documentation
11 to comply with existing law regarding environmental impact
12 statements.

13 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to exempt actions
14 involving the operation and management of all fisheries in the
15 State from environmental review requirements.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§343- Fisheries; exemption. Actions involving the
5 operation and management of all fisheries in the State shall be
6 exempt from the requirements of this chapter."

7 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Fisheries; Environmental Review; Exemption

Description:

Exempts actions involving the operation and management of fisheries in the State from environmental review requirements.

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