

JAN 28 2026

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CULTURAL EDUCATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of land and natural resources a three-year cultural training
3 pilot program to be administered by the division of boating and
4 ocean recreation to all commercial use permit holders and
5 applicants operating in Lahaina harbor. The division of boating
6 and recreation shall partner with an organization identified by
7 the office of Hawaiian affairs that specializes in Native
8 Hawaiian culture and place-based history to teach a cultural
9 training course to educate commercial use permit holders and
10 applicants for commercial use permits on the cultural and
11 historic significance of the area.

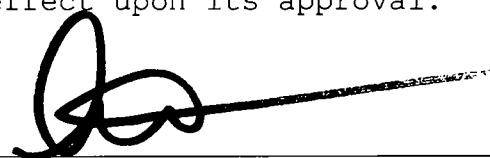
12 (b) The organization teaching the cultural training course
13 shall issue a certificate of completion to any person who
14 completes the course. All applicants for commercial use permits
15 operating in Lahaina harbor shall submit a certificate of
16 completion of the cultural training course with the permit
17 application. Existing commercial use permit holders operating



1 in Lahaina shall complete the required cultural training course
2 within six months of the establishment of the pilot program.

3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 3173

Report Title:

DLNR; DOBOR; OHA; Cultural Training Pilot Program; Cultural Education; Commercial Use Permit

Description:

Establishes a Cultural Training Pilot Program within the Department of Land and Natural Resources to be administered by the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation for all commercial use permit holders operating in Lahaina Harbor. Requires DOBOR to partner with an organization identified by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs in Native Hawaiian culture and place-based history to teach a cultural training course to educate commercial use permit holders and applicants for commercial use permits on the cultural and historic significance of the area. Requires existing commercial use permit holders and applicants to undergo cultural training.

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