

A Bill for an Act Relating to Small Boat Harbors.

*Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:*

SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the study of Hawaiian culture is required by the Hawaii constitution, as well as being vitally important to the people of Hawaii. Article X, section 4 of the Hawaii constitution states:

The State shall promote the study of Hawaiian culture, history and language.

The State shall provide for a Hawaiian education program consisting of language, culture and history in the public schools. The use of community expertise shall be encouraged as a suitable and essential means in furtherance of the Hawaiian education program.

The legislature also finds that for thousands of years, native Hawaiians traveled the Pacific Ocean in voyaging canoes. The creation of the canoe itself was of an educational, social, and spiritual character. The legislature further finds that, given the importance of the canoe to Hawaiian culture, opportunities to educate others about native Hawaiian canoes should be supported by the State.

The purpose of this Act is to provide mooring space in small boat harbors for native Hawaiian canoes used for nonprofit educational purposes.

SECTION 2. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated and to read as follows:

**“§200- Native Hawaiian canoes; education.** (a) In all state small boat harbors, the department shall accommodate the mooring of native Hawaiian canoes owned or leased by a nonprofit corporation, association, organization, or other duly chartered entity that operates native Hawaiian canoes for educational purposes.

(b) Any owner or lessee of a native Hawaiian canoe accommodated under subsection (a) shall submit to the department an annual report describing how the educational activities that were conducted during the previous year used, involved, or focused on the native Hawaiian canoe. The report shall include:

- (1) A description of each educational activity;
- (2) The date of each educational activity; and
- (3) The number of participants in each educational activity.

(c) The chairperson may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91 to implement this section.”

SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.<sup>1</sup>

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

(Approved June 28, 2013.)

**Note**

1. Edited pursuant to HRS §23G-16.5.