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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WATERCRAFT SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
3 and to read as follows:

4           "§200-    Recreational vessel safety program; operator's  
5 permit; reciprocity. (a) The department shall develop and  
6 implement a comprehensive safety education program for all  
7 operators of recreational vessels. The department shall  
8 cooperate as necessary with the counties, state agencies, other  
9 states, federal government agencies, and the boating community  
10 in the operation of the program.

11           (b) The department shall issue a recreational vessel  
12 operator's permit to all persons who successfully complete the  
13 safety education program.

14           (c) The department shall issue a recreational vessel  
15 operator's permit to all persons who provide proof of completion  
16 of a safety education program from another state that is  
17 substantially similar to the program established by the  
18 department.



1        (d) The chairperson shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter  
2 91 for the purposes of this section."

3        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Watercraft Safety

**Description:**

Creates a recreational vessel safety education program.  
Provides for issuance of permits to persons who complete the program.

