
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. 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- Exemption; protection of native species, habitat
5 and ecosystems. Notwithstanding section 343-5(a), actions
6 approved by the department of land and natural resources that:
7 (1) Protect, preserve, or enhance native species, native
8 habitats, or native ecosystem functions; and
9 (2) Will probably have minimal or no significant effects
10 on the environment;
11 are declared exempt from the preparation of an assessment. Such
12 actions include but are not limited to invasive species control
13 using approved methods in accordance with state and federal law,
14 installation of barriers to control non-native animals, dip
15 tanks for fire control, related helicopter landing zones and
16 field camps, and attendant equipment such as weather ports and
17 radio repeaters."



1 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
2 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
3 begun before its effective date.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed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 June 30, 2050.

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Report Title:

Environmental Impact Statements; Exemptions

Description:

Provides an exemption from the environmental review process for projects that protect, preserve, and enhance native species, native habitats, or native ecosystem functions.

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