
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOORING RATE INCREASES.

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

1 SECTION 1. On December 11, 2009, the board of land and
2 natural resources amended its administrative rules to increase
3 mooring rates for all recreational harbors. The legislature
4 finds that the mooring rate increase will impose a hardship on
5 small commercial charter boats that support tourism, as well as
6 small commercial fishing boats that sell seafood to local
7 restaurants. The legislature also finds that commercial
8 businesses are experiencing a significant downturn in business
9 due to a number of reasons, including a drop in visitor
10 arrivals, increased fuel costs, low consumer confidence, and
11 decreased discretionary spending.

12 The purpose of this Act is to suspend the increase in
13 mooring rates for all recreational harbors until:

14 (1) The legislature approves the increase; or

15 (2) January 1, 2013,

16 whichever occurs first.

17 SECTION 2. Any mooring rate increases for all recreational
18 harbors adopted by the board of land and natural resources on



1 December 11, 2009, shall be suspended. Any mooring rates in
 2 effect on December 10, 2009 shall become effective from the
 3 effective date of this Act; provided that any rate increases on
 4 mooring fees adopted by the board of land and natural resources
 5 on December 11, 2009, shall become effective upon the earlier
 6 of:

7 (1) Approval of the rate increases by a concurrent
 8 resolution adopted by a majority vote of the members
 9 in both houses of the legislature; or


10 (2) January 1, 2013.

11 SECTION 3. The auditor shall review the economic impact on
 12 commercial permit holders by the proposed mooring rate increases
 13 adopted by the board of land and natural resources on December
 14 11, 2009, and recommend graduated increases that will not
 15 adversely affect the permanent mooring community.

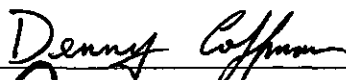
16 The auditor shall submit any findings and recommendations
 17 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
 18 convening of the regular session of 2011.

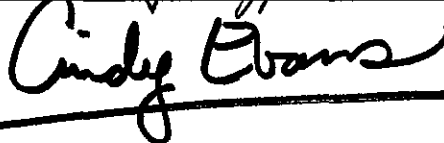
19 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:







Report Title:

Harbors; Mooring Rate Increases

Description:

Suspends all rate increases adopted by the board of land and natural resources on December 11, 2009, until the earlier of approval by a majority vote of both houses of the legislature or January 1, 2013.

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