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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SHARK TOURS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 188, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§188- Shark tours; prohibitions; exceptions. (a)

5 Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be unlawful for
6 any person to use any state boating facility, as defined in
7 section 200-2.5, or a state park to operate a shark tour.

8 (b) Except as otherwise provided by law, it shall be
9 unlawful for any person to use or transport a diving cage,
10 including a floating or bottom cage, or other similar device in
11 state waters for the primary purpose of placing humans in close
12 proximity with a shark or within a known shark habitat.

13 (c) The department of land and natural resources:

14 (1) May issue permits to engage in activities otherwise
15 prohibited by this section, in accordance with section
16 187A-6, or as may be otherwise authorized by law; and



Report Title:

Shark Tours; Prohibitions

Description:

Prohibits the use of state boating facilities and state parks for shark tours. Prohibits the use or transportation of diving cages used for placing humans in close proximity with sharks. Authorizes the issuance of permits for educational, scientific, or propagation purposes. Exempts shark tours operating on the north shore of Oahu prior to July 1, 2010.

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