
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LAND LIABILITY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 663, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§663- Land with slope of twenty per cent or more;
5 strict liability. (a) An owner of any property with a slope of
6 twenty per cent or more shall be strictly liable for any damage
7 or injury to property or persons caused by the movement of any
8 rocks or earthen material from the owner's property to down-hill
9 properties.

10 (b) For the purposes of this section, "owner" means the
11 possessor of a fee interest, a tenant, lessee, occupant, or
12 person in control of the premises."

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

16 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



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Report Title:

Liability; Landslides

Description:

Creates strict liability for an owner of land with a twenty per cent or more slope for damage or injury to down-slope property and persons from falling rocks, debris, and landslides originating from the owner's property.

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