
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCEAN RESOURCES.

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

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Pohoiki Bay and
3 Keauhou Bay on the island of Hawaii are attractions for
4 commercial boat tours, sources of livelihood for fishers, and
5 important cultural and recreational sites for many local
6 residents, including Native Hawaiians exercising gathering and
7 subsistence rights. There are user conflicts among the
8 commercial boat tours, fishers, and noncommercial users of
9 Pohoiki Bay and Keauhou Bay.

10 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of land
11 and natural resources to study the Pohoiki Bay and Keauhou Bay
12 areas to resolve the conflicts among commercial boat tours,
13 fishers, and noncommercial users, including Native Hawaiians
14 exercising gathering and subsistence rights, of Pohoiki Bay and
15 Keauhou Bay.

16 PART II

17 SECTION 2. The department of land and natural resources
18 shall conduct a study of Pohoiki Bay on the island of Hawaii for



1 the purpose of resolving the conflicts among commercial boat
2 tours and fishers, individuals exercising gathering and
3 subsistence rights, and recreational users at Pohoiki Bay. The
4 study shall evaluate:

- 5 (1) Current rules and regulations applicable to commercial
6 tour boats and fishing at Pohoiki Bay;
- 7 (2) The magnitude of use of Pohoiki Bay;
- 8 (3) Ocean-based recreation and coastal area programs; and
- 9 (4) Any other matters relevant to resolving conflict among
10 Native Hawaiians exercising traditional gathering and
11 subsistence rights, recreational users, and commercial
12 tour boats and fishers that use Pohoiki Bay.

13 SECTION 3. The department of land and natural resources
14 shall submit a report of its study, including findings,
15 recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2015.

18 PART III

19 SECTION 4. The department of land and natural resources
20 shall conduct a study of Keauhou Bay on the island of Hawaii for
21 the purpose of resolving the conflicts among commercial boat
22 tours and fishers, individuals exercising gathering and



1 subsistence rights, and recreational users at Keauhou Bay. The
2 study shall evaluate:

- 3 (1) Current rules and regulations applicable to commercial
4 tour boats and fishing at Keauhou Bay;
- 5 (2) The magnitude of use of Keauhou Bay;
- 6 (3) Ocean-based recreation and coastal area programs; and
- 7 (4) Any other matters relevant to resolving conflict among
8 Native Hawaiians exercising traditional gathering and
9 subsistence rights, recreational users, and commercial
10 tour boats and fishers that use Keauhou Bay.

11 SECTION 5. The department of land and natural resources
12 shall submit a report of its study, including findings,
13 recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the
14 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the regular session of 2015.

16 PART IV

17 SECTION 6. The department of land and natural resources
18 shall expend so much of the royalties it receives from
19 geothermal resource mining leases as is necessary to establish
20 and maintain one conservation enforcement officer position in
21 the division of conservation and resource enforcement for the
22 area of Pohoiki Bay on the island of Hawaii.



1 PART V

2 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Natural Resources; Studies; Pohoiki Bay; Keauhou Bay

Description:

Directs DLNR to conduct studies of Pohoiki Bay and Keauhou Bay on Hawaii Island to resolve conflicts among the users of the Bay. Requires DLNR to establish a DOCARE position for the Pohoiki Bay area to be funded through geothermal royalties. (HB2552 HD2)

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