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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SMALL BOAT HARBORS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the study of  
2 Hawaiian culture is required by the Hawaii constitution and is  
3 vitally important to the people of Hawaii. Article X, section 4  
4 of the Hawaii constitution states:

5                   "The State shall promote the study of Hawaiian  
6 culture, history and language.

7           The State shall provide for a Hawaiian education  
8 program consisting of language, culture and history in  
9 the public schools. The use of community expertise  
10 shall be encouraged as a suitable and essential means  
11 in furtherance of the Hawaiian education program."

12           The legislature also finds that for thousands of years,  
13 native Hawaiians traveled the Pacific ocean in voyaging canoes.  
14 The creation of the canoe itself was of an educational, social,  
15 and spiritual character. The legislature further finds that,  
16 given the importance of the canoe to Hawaiian culture,  
17 opportunities to educate others about native Hawaiian canoes  
18 should be supported by the State.



1 The purpose of this Act is to provide mooring space in  
2 small boat harbors for native Hawaiian canoes used for nonprofit  
3 educational purposes.

4 SECTION 2. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately  
6 designated and to read as follows:

7 "§200- Native Hawaiian canoes; education. (a) In all  
8 state small boat harbors, the department shall accommodate the  
9 mooring of native Hawaiian canoes owned or leased by a nonprofit  
10 corporation, association, organization, or other duly chartered  
11 entity operated for educational purposes.

12 (b) Any owner of a native Hawaiian canoe accommodated  
13 under subsection (a) shall submit to the department an annual  
14 report describing the educational activities conducted during  
15 the previous year. The report shall include:

16 (1) A description of each educational activity;

17 (2) The date of each educational activity; and

18 (3) The number of participants in each educational  
19 activity.

20 (c) The chairperson may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
21 to implement this section."

22 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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**Report Title:**

Small Boat Harbors; Native Hawaiian Canoes

**Description:**

Requires DLNR to accommodate mooring of native Hawaiian canoes owned by nonprofit entities and used for educational purposes in small boat harbors. (SD1)

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