
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY FOR OCEAN RECREATION AND COASTAL
AREAS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 200-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:
- 3 "(a) The chairperson may adopt rules necessary:
- 4 (1) To regulate the manner in which all vessels may enter
5 the ocean waters and navigable streams of the State
6 and moor, anchor, or dock at small boat harbors,
7 launching ramps, and other boating facilities owned or
8 controlled by the State;
- 9 (2) To regulate the embarking and disembarking of
10 passengers at small boat harbors, launching ramps,
11 other boating facilities, and public beaches;
- 12 (3) For the safety of small boat harbors, launching ramps,
13 and other boating facilities, and the vessels anchored
14 or moored therein;
- 15 (4) For the conduct of the public using small boat
16 harbors, launching ramps, and other boating facilities
17 owned or controlled by the State;

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- 1 (5) To regulate and control recreational and commercial
2 use of small boat harbors, launching ramps, and other
3 boating facilities owned or controlled by the State
4 and the ocean waters and navigable streams of the
5 State;
- 6 (6) To prevent the discharge or throwing into small boat
7 harbors, launching ramps, other boating facilities,
8 ocean waters, and navigable streams, of rubbish,
9 refuse, garbage, or other substances likely to affect
10 the quality of the water or that contribute to making
11 the small boat harbors, launching ramps, other boating
12 facilities, ocean waters, and streams unsightly,
13 unhealthful, or unclean, or that are liable to fill
14 up, shoal, or shallow the waters in, near, or
15 affecting small boat harbors, launching ramps, and
16 other boating facilities and the ocean waters and
17 navigable streams of the State, and likewise to
18 prevent the escape of fuel or other oils or substances
19 into the waters in, near, or affecting small boat
20 harbors, launching ramps, or other boating facilities
21 and the ocean waters and navigable streams of the
22 State from any source point, including but not limited

1 to any vessel or from pipes or storage tanks upon
2 land, including:

3 (A) Requirements for permits and fees for:

4 (i) The mooring, docking, or anchoring of
5 recreational and commercial vessels or the
6 launching of recreational or commercial
7 vessels at small boat harbors, launching
8 ramps, and other boating facilities; or

9 (ii) Other uses of these facilities;

10 (B) Requirements for permits and fees for use of a
11 vessel as a principal place of habitation while
12 moored at a state small boat harbor;

13 (C) Requirements governing:

14 (i) The transfer of any state commercial,
15 mooring, launching, or any other type of use
16 or other permit, directly or indirectly,
17 including but not limited to the imposition
18 or assessment of a business transfer fee
19 upon transfer of ownership of vessels
20 operating commercially from, within or in
21 any way related to the state small boat
22 harbors; and

- 1 (ii) The use of state small boat harbors,
2 launching ramps, or other boating facilities
3 belonging to or controlled by the State,
4 including but not limited to the
5 establishment of minimum amounts of annual
6 gross receipts required to renew a
7 commercial use permit, and conditions under
8 which a state commercial, mooring,
9 launching, or any other type of use or other
10 permit may be terminated, canceled, or
11 forfeited; and
- 12 (D) Any other rule necessary to implement this
13 chapter pertaining to small boat harbors,
14 launching ramps, and other boating facilities
15 belonging to or controlled by the State;
- 16 (7) To continue the ocean recreational and coastal areas
17 programs and govern the ocean waters and navigable
18 streams of the State, and beaches encumbered with
19 easements in favor of the public to protect and foster
20 public peace and tranquility and to promote public
21 safety, health, and welfare in or on the ocean waters
22 and navigable streams of the State, and on beaches

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1 encumbered with easements in favor of the public,
2 including:
3 (A) Regulating the anchoring and mooring of vessels,
4 houseboats, and other contrivances outside of any
5 harbor or boating facility, including:
6 (i) The designation of offshore mooring areas;
7 (ii) The licensing and registration of vessels,
8 houseboats, and other contrivances; and the
9 issuance of permits for offshore anchoring
10 and mooring of vessels, houseboats, and
11 other contrivances; and
12 (iii) The living aboard on vessels, houseboats, or
13 other contrivances while they are anchored
14 or moored within ocean waters or navigable
15 streams of the State.
16 The rules shall provide for consideration of
17 environmental impacts on the State's aquatic
18 resources in the issuance of any permits for
19 offshore mooring;
20 (B) Safety measures, requirements, and practices in
21 or on the ocean waters and navigable streams of
22 the State;

- 1 (C) The licensing and registration of persons or
- 2 organizations engaged in commercial activities in
- 3 or on the ocean waters and navigable streams of
- 4 the State;
- 5 (D) The licensing and registration of equipment
- 6 utilized for commercial activities in or on the
- 7 ocean waters and navigable streams of the State;
- 8 (E) For beaches encumbered with easements in favor of
- 9 the public, the prohibition or denial of the
- 10 following uses and activities:
- 11 (i) Commercial activities;
- 12 (ii) The storage, parking, and display of any
- 13 personal property;
- 14 (iii) The placement of structures or obstructions;
- 15 (iv) The beaching, landing, mooring, or anchoring
- 16 of any vessels; and
- 17 (v) Other uses or activities that may interfere
- 18 with the public use and enjoyment of these
- 19 beaches; and
- 20 (F) Any other matter relating to the safety, health,
- 21 and welfare of the general public;

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1 (8) To regulate the examination, guidance, and control of
2 harbor agents and their assistants; and

3 (9) To regulate commercial activities in state waters
4 including operations originating from private marinas;
5 provided that no new or additional permits shall be
6 required for those commercial activities regulated by
7 any other chapter.

8 For the purposes of this paragraph:

9 "Commercial activity" means [~~to engage in any~~
10 ~~action or attempt to engage in any action for~~
11 ~~compensation in any form. The action or actions may~~
12 ~~include providing or attempting to provide guide~~
13 ~~services, charters, tours, and transportation to and~~
14 ~~from the location or locations for which such services~~
15 ~~are provided.] to engage in any action or attempt to
16 engage in any action designed for profit, which
17 includes but is not limited to the exchange or buying
18 and selling of commodities; the providing of services
19 relating to or connected with trade, traffic, or
20 commerce in general; any activity performed by the
21 commercial operator or its employees or agents in
22 connection with the delivery of such commodities or~~

Report Title:

Commercial Activity for Ocean Recreation and Coastal Area Programs; Definition

Description:

Amends the definition of "commercial activity" within section 200-4(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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JUSTIFICATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Land and Natural Resources

TITLE: A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY FOR OCEAN RECREATION AND COASTAL AREAS.

PURPOSE: To amend the definition of "commercial activity" within section 200-4(a), Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS).

MEANS: Amend section 200-4(a), HRS.

JUSTIFICATION: The current definition for "commercial activity" within section 200-4(a), HRS, has been found to be too broad and vague by enforcement officials for the purposes of identifying such activity and regulating it. The new proposed definition would be more comprehensive and aligned with the City and County of Honolulu's definition of "commercial activity".

Impact on the public: The proposed amendment would provide a more detailed definition of commercial activity which will give the public increased clarity regarding which activities are considered commercial.

Impact on the department and other agencies: The proposed amendment will provide a more rigorous definition of commercial activity which will improve the ability of the Department to identify commercial activity and cite violations of commercial activity prohibition where applicable.

GENERAL FUND: None.

OTHER FUNDS: None.

PPBS PROGRAM DESIGNATION: LNR 801.

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OTHER AFFECTED
AGENCIES: None.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon approval.