
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WILDLIFE.

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

PART I

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2 SECTION 1. The interstate wildlife violator compact is a
3 multistate agreement that promotes enforcement of hunting,
4 fishing, trapping, and other wildlife related regulations across
5 jurisdictions. For example, the interstate wildlife violator
6 compact would prevent wildlife violators who have lost their
7 hunting, fishing, trapping, or other wildlife related privileges
8 in other member states from obtaining a hunting license in
9 Hawaii. Similarly, persons who have been punished with license
10 revocation in Hawaii would be barred from engaging in those
11 activities in another state. The compact also establishes a
12 process by which nonresident wildlife law violators can be
13 treated as state residents for purposes of law enforcement,
14 thereby easing the administrative burden on the enforcement
15 agency and reducing enforcement gaps that may allow the violator
16 to fail to comply with the terms of the citation. The
17 legislature finds that reciprocity agreements such as the



1 interstate wildlife violator compact are an important part of
2 any law enforcement effort.

3 The interstate wildlife violator compact is modeled after
4 the successful multistate driver license compact and nonresident
5 violator compact, and Hawaii is party to both compacts. Forty-
6 seven states have passed legislation necessary to join the
7 interstate wildlife violator compact.

8 The legislature further finds that existing member states
9 to the interstate wildlife violator compact have reported little
10 to no added costs or administrative burdens associated with
11 participating in the compact. The information system that
12 facilitates participation is available for free to member
13 states.

14 The purpose of this part is to allow the department of land
15 and natural resources to become a member of the interstate
16 wildlife violator compact or similar agreement.

17 SECTION 2. Chapter 183D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
18 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
19 designated and to read as follows:

20 "§183D- Interstate wildlife violator compact. (a) The
21 department may enter into the interstate wildlife violator



1 compact or similar agreement, whether in the form of a
2 memorandum of understanding, written agreement, or mutual aid
3 compact, with an appropriate state, federal, or foreign entity
4 for mutual assistance in the enforcement of hunting, fishing,
5 and other wildlife laws, rules, or regulations in their
6 respective jurisdictions.

7 (b) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91
8 necessary for enforcement of the agreement entered into pursuant
9 to subsection (a)."

10 PART II

11 SECTION 3. The legislature finds that in order to provide
12 effective stewardship and management of Hawaii's marine
13 resources for sustainable use by its residents and visitors, the
14 division of aquatic resources of the department of land and
15 natural resources shall conduct a comprehensive statewide
16 science based assessment of its ocean resources. The purpose of
17 this part is to permanently establish a management plan which
18 includes establishing baselines, regular monitoring, scheduled
19 periodic reviews and assessments for the effective stewardship
20 of the State's marine resources, and balancing conservation
21 efforts with public non-exclusive uses and consumptive uses.



1 Marine resource management initiatives proposing exclusive or
2 non-public use of an area shall be reviewed only after the
3 completion of this assessment and implemented in accordance with
4 the management plan.

5 PART III

6 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
7 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so much
8 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2016-2017 for the
9 department of land and natural resources to enter into the
10 interstate wildlife violator compact or similar agreement.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
12 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 5. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2051.



Report Title:

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Description:

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to enter into the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact or similar agreement for mutual assistance in the enforcement of wildlife laws. Requires the DLNR Division of Aquatic Resources to conduct a statewide science based assessment of its ocean resources. Appropriates funds. (SB2156 HD3)

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