A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FISHING NETS.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 188, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
- 2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
- 3 and to read as follows:
- 4 Fishing nets; identification tags; registration.
- 5 (a) All fishing nets used in state marine waters shall be
- 6 registered and affixed with an identification tag as specified
- 7 by the department.
- 8 The department shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter (b)
- 9 91 to implement this section.
- 10 (c) For the purpose of this section, "fishing net" means a
- 11 net that is placed into water outside the direct control of a
- 12 person for the purpose of taking fish; provided that "fishing
- 13 net" includes bag nets, fence nets, gill nets, and lay nets and
- 14 does not include hand nets, landing nets, or throw nets."
- 15 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
- 16 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
- 17 begun before its effective date.
- 18 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
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1 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Fishing Nets; Identification Tags

Description:

Requires all fishing nets used in state marine waters to be registered and tagged as specified by the department of land and natural resources. (SD1)

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