
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO TRANSPORTATION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that illegal poaching and
2 extraction of marine species, rare corals, and fish for
3 commercial gain are serious problems in Hawaii, and are
4 heightened by challenges in enforcing applicable laws. The
5 legislature believes that there is substantial interest in
6 protecting marine species from those seeking commercial gain.
7 The legislature therefore finds that the State must take action
8 to stop illegal trophy hunting, profiteering from marine
9 species, and illegal extraction that impacts Hawaii's reefs.

10 The purpose of this Act is to enhance laws relating to the
11 protection of marine life and prevent the commercial
12 exploitation of Hawaii's marine ecosystems.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 291, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
15 designated and to read as follows:



1 "§291- Transport of marine life harvested for commercial
2 purposes; prohibition. No person shall use a public road,
3 street, highway, or similar thoroughfare to transport:

4 (1) Marine species illegally harvested from the waters of
5 the State for commercial purposes; or

6 (2) Marine species harvested from the waters of the State
7 for commercial aquarium purposes.

8 For the purposes of this section, "commercial" means for
9 selling, offering for sale, possessing with intent to sell,
10 bartering, landing, or taking any other actions for the purpose
11 of profit or gain."

12 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
13 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
14 begun before its effective date.

15 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

16 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on January 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Marine Species; Illegal Harvesting; Commercial Purposes; State Roads

Description:

Prohibits any person from using a public road, street, or highway, or similar thoroughfare to transport marine species illegally harvested from state waters for commercial purposes and marine species harvested for commercial aquarium purposes. Effective 1/1/2050. (SD1)

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