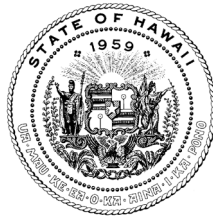


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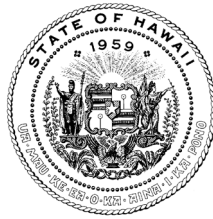
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Comments:

This bill will be very helpful. It will allow those who have grown tired of boating get out and let the next boater have a turn.

It is very good for the boats too as they will find a new owner to care for them.