
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 or harmful
2 activity throughout the Pacific Ocean has been increasing. In
3 many cases, foreign vessels have entered new areas of the
4 Pacific Ocean to traffic illegal commodities. Other foreign
5 vessels have frequently entered other nations' protected areas
6 to collect resources to the detriment of local communities and
7 are beginning to scout waters near Hawaii to conduct undersea
8 mining that will irreparably harm Hawaii's undersea ecosystems.

9 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to restrict vessels
10 that have been engaged in specific unpermitted or unlicensed
11 activities from entering or departing ports in the State's
12 commercial harbor system.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 266, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
15 designated and to read as follows:

16 "§266- Restriction of use of facilities. The
17 department of transportation may delay or deny approval for port



1 entry or departure for any vessel for which the department has
2 received notice from a federal agency or other agency that the
3 vessel or its crew has engaged in activity that has violated any
4 federal, state, or county law or rule pertaining to
5 environmental protection, maritime transportation, trafficking
6 of illegal contraband, or the collection or extraction of
7 undersea minerals unlicensed or unpermitted by the State;
8 provided that the department may grant approvals for use of any
9 commercial harbor facility by that vessel in coordination with
10 the federal agency or other agency."

11 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

12 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Department of Transportation; Mooring; Permits; Prohibitions

Description:

Authorizes the department of transportation to delay or deny approval for port entry or departure in instances when the department has received notice from a federal agency or other agency that a vessel or its crew has engaged in activity that has violated certain laws. Authorizes the department of transportation to grant approvals for use of any commercial harbor facility by a vessel in coordination with a federal agency or other agency. (HD2)

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