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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HARBOR SAFETY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to require that the  
2           securing of mooring lines from vessels to the State's commercial  
3           docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be performed by labor  
4           subject to collective bargaining, to ensure harbor safety by  
5           employing highly skilled, experienced local longshore workers  
6           who possess the intimate knowledge of Hawaiian waters and  
7           mooring practices crucial for minimizing accidents and ensuring  
8           optimal safety. As with any stevedoring job, mooring operations  
9           carry significant risks, and accidents can have devastating  
10          consequences, even death.

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

14                "PART           .    MOORING OF VESSELS TO COMMERCIAL DOCKS  
15                §266-           Labor subject to collective bargaining; required.  
16                In addition to the duties of the department of transportation  
17                imposed under part I, the department of transportation shall



1 require that the securing of mooring lines from vessels to  
2 commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings be  
3 performed by labor subject to collective bargaining; provided  
4 that nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring  
5 that any labor being performed at any shipyard or drydock; by or  
6 on behalf of any ship repair or construction company; or  
7 involving any activity relating to ship repair, construction and  
8 overhaul services, and maritime research and development be  
9 subject to collective bargaining."

10 SECTION 3. This Act shall not be applied so as to impair  
11 any contract existing as of the effective date of this Act in a  
12 manner violative of either the Constitution of the State of  
13 Hawaii or article I, section 10, of the United States  
14 Constitution.

15 SECTION 4. The provisions of this Act shall be enforced to  
16 the extent they are not held to conflict with any federal or  
17 state constitutional provision, law, rule, or regulation. The  
18 provisions of this Act are not severable and if any provision of  
19 the Act, or the application thereof to any person or  
20 circumstance is held to conflict with any federal or state



1 constitutional provision, law, rule, or regulation, this Act, in  
2 its entirety, shall be invalid.

3 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
4 provided that this Act shall be repealed on July 1, 2028.



**Report Title:**

DOT; Harbor Safety; Mooring; Commercial Docks; Labor; Collective Bargaining

**Description:**

Mandates that the Department of Transportation require the securing of mooring lines from vessels to commercial docks, wharves, piers, quays, and landings to be performed by labor subject to collective bargaining. Sunsets 7/1/2028. (SD2)

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