
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO REGULATION OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 6E-11, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "**§6E-11 Civil and administrative violations.** (a) It
4 shall be a civil and administrative violation for any person to
5 take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy, or alter any
6 historic property or aviation artifact located upon the private
7 lands of any owner thereof without the owner's written
8 permission being first obtained. It shall be a civil and
9 administrative violation for any person to take, appropriate,
10 excavate, injure, destroy, or alter any historic property or
11 aviation artifact located upon lands owned or controlled by the
12 State or any of its political subdivisions, except as permitted
13 by the department, or to knowingly violate the conditions set
14 forth in an approved mitigation plan that includes monitoring
15 and preservation plans.

16 (b) It shall be a civil and administrative violation for
17 any person to knowingly take, appropriate, excavate, injure,



1 destroy, or alter any burial site, or the contents thereof,
2 located on private lands or lands owned or controlled by the
3 State or any of its political subdivisions, except as permitted
4 by the department, to knowingly fail to re-inter human remains
5 discovered on the lands in a reasonable period of time as
6 determined by the department, or to knowingly violate the
7 conditions set forth in an approved mitigation plan that
8 includes monitoring and preservation plans.

9 (c) It shall be a civil and administrative violation for
10 any person to take, appropriate, excavate, injure, destroy, or
11 alter any historic property or burial site during the course of
12 land development or land alteration activities to which section
13 6E-42 applies, without obtaining the required approval.

14 (d) It shall be a civil and administrative violation for
15 any person who inadvertently discovers a burial site to fail to
16 stop work in the immediate area and report the discovery, as
17 required by section 6E-43.6.

18 (e) It shall be a civil and administrative violation for
19 any person to:

20 (1) Fail to comply with agreed upon archaeological
21 mitigation commitments;



- 1 (2) Fail to conduct an archaeological inventory survey as
2 specified in an archaeological inventory survey plan
3 or an archaeological monitoring plan approved by the
4 department;
- 5 (3) Alter an approved archaeological inventory survey plan
6 or archaeological monitoring plan without prior
7 written approval of the department;
- 8 (4) Carry out project development activities within a
9 preservation area or burial preserve approved by the
10 department without prior written approval of the
11 department, including project equipment transiting
12 through, within or across a preservation area or
13 burial preserve; or
- 14 (5) Fail to complete and submit required reports.
- 15 [~~e~~] (f) It shall be a civil and administrative violation
16 for any person to knowingly glue together any human skeletal
17 remains, label any human skeletal remains with any type of
18 marking pen, or conduct any tests that destroy human skeletal
19 remains, as defined in section 6E-2, except as permitted by the
20 department.



1 [~~(f)~~] (g) Any person who violates this section shall be
2 fined not more than \$20,000 for each separate violation. If the
3 violator directly or indirectly has caused the loss of, or
4 damage to, any historic property or burial site, the violator
5 shall be fined an additional amount determined by the
6 environmental court or an administrative adjudicative authority
7 to be equivalent to the value of the lost or damaged historic
8 property or burial site. Each day of continued violation of
9 this provision shall constitute a distinct and separate
10 violation for which the violator may be punished. Any landowner
11 or developer responsible for any project where violations are
12 found to have occurred shall execute any mitigation and
13 preservation measures ordered by the department and shall be
14 jointly and severally liable for any costs of mitigation and
15 preservation. Equipment used by a violator for the taking,
16 appropriation, excavation, injury, destruction, or alteration of
17 any historic property or burial site, or for the transportation
18 of the violator to or from the historic property or burial site,
19 shall be subject to seizure and disposition by the State without
20 compensation to its owner or owners.



1 ~~[(g)]~~ (h) Any person who knowingly violates this chapter
2 with respect to burial sites shall also be prohibited from
3 participating in the construction of any state or county funded
4 project for ten years.

5 ~~[(h)]~~ (i) Nothing in this section shall apply to land
6 altering activities relating to family burial plots under
7 section 441-5.5.

8 ~~[(i)]~~ (j) The civil and administrative penalties imposed
9 pursuant to this chapter shall be in addition to the criminal
10 penalties provided by this chapter and any other penalties that
11 may be imposed pursuant to law."

12 SECTION 2. 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 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Archaeological Activities; Penalties

Description:

Clarifies that failure to comply with approved mitigation commitments, conduct an archaeological inventory survey, or comply with other administrative requirements pertaining to archaeology approved by the Department of Land and Natural Resources shall result in civil and administrative violations. Takes effect 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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