
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SPECIAL ACTIVITY PERMITS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 187A-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the
4 department may issue permits, not longer than one year in
5 duration, to any person to take aquatic life[-]; possess or use
6 fishing gear[-]; or engage in any feeding, watching, or other
7 such non-consumptive activity related to aquatic resources,
8 otherwise prohibited by law, in any part of the State, for
9 scientific, educational, management, or propagation purposes,
10 subject to chapter 195D and subject to those restrictions the
11 department deems desirable[-]; provided that the department
12 shall approve or deny an application for the permit within
13 ninety days from the date that the application was submitted.
14 The department may revoke any permit for any infraction of the
15 terms and conditions of the permit. Any person whose permit has
16 been revoked shall not be eligible to apply for another permit
17 until the expiration of one year from the date of revocation."



1 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and the
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year
5 2024-2025 for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions
6 within the division of aquatic resources to support the special
7 activity permit review process.

8 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
9 of land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

10 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
11 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Special Activity Permit; Aquatic Research; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to approve or deny an application for a special activity permit for aquatic research within ninety days from the date that it was submitted. Appropriates funds for two full-time equivalent (2.0 FTE) positions within the Division of Aquatic Resources to support the special activity permit review process. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD1)

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