



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
KE KE'ENA O KE KIA'ĀINA

May 29, 2025

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi  
President of the Senate,  
and Members of the Senate  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

The Honorable Nadine Nakamura  
Speaker, and Members of the  
House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 431  
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Aloha President Kouchi, Speaker Nakamura, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on May 29, 2025, the following bill was signed into law:

H.B. NO. 1316, H.D. 2,  
S.D. 1, C.D. 1

RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND  
NATURAL RESOURCES.  
**ACT 128**

Mahalo,

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Josh Green, M.D.  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

on MAY 29 2025

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE, 2025  
STATE OF HAWAII

**ACT 128**  
**H.B. NO.** 1316  
H.D. 2  
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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

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RELATING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the people of Hawaii  
2     have significant concerns about the effects of over-tourism,  
3     including impacts to the environment, and particularly the  
4     proliferation of rental kayaks and stand-up paddleboards  
5     statewide. The legislature further finds that it is beneficial  
6     for the residents and natural resources of the State to regulate  
7     commercial rentals where a state park is the location of the  
8     watercraft activity. The legislature additionally finds that  
9     Wailua river state park on Kauai, Kealahou bay state  
10    historical park on Hawaii island, and Ahupuaa O Kahana state  
11    park on Oahu are the only navigable waters within a state park.

12           Therefore, the purpose of this Act is to require:

13           (1) The registration and numbering of rental vessels  
14               before they are rented or leased, or offered for rent  
15               or lease, to the public for transiting the navigable  
16               waters of a state park; and



1 (2) The registration fees to be deposited into the state  
2 parks special fund.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 184, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 **"§184- Registration required for rental vessels;**

7 **registration number; fees.** (a) Beginning January 1, 2026, no  
8 person shall rent or lease, or offer for rent or lease, a vessel  
9 to the public for transiting the navigable waters of a state  
10 park, unless the rental vessel is registered and numbered with  
11 the division of state parks of the department in accordance with  
12 rules adopted by the department pursuant to chapter 91 or  
13 authorized by a special use permit.

14 (b) Beginning January 1, 2026, every rental vessel rented  
15 or leased, or offered for rent or lease, to the public for  
16 transiting the navigable waters of a state park shall have a  
17 registration number affixed to the rental vessel.

18 (c) The department may adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91  
19 to establish conditions of use for rental vessels transiting the  
20 navigable waters of a state park and reasonable fees for the  
21 initial registration, annual renewal registration, and ancillary



1 decals of those rental vessels, to be deposited to the credit of  
2 the state parks special fund.

3       (d) For the purposes of this section, "vessel" has the  
4 same meaning as in section 200-6 and includes but is not limited  
5 to barges, boats, canoes, catamarans, charter boats, cruisers,  
6 ferryboats, fishing boats, flatboats, floating cabanas,  
7 houseboats, jet skis, kayaks, motor vessels, motorboats, party  
8 boats, powerboats, rafts, rowboats, sailboats, scows, ships,  
9 stand-up paddleboards, towboats, tugs, windsurfers, or any  
10 similar buoyant devices permitting or capable of free  
11 flotation."

12       SECTION 3. Section 184-3.4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
13 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

14       "(a) There is established within the state treasury a fund  
15 to be known as the state parks special fund, into which shall be  
16 deposited all proceeds collected by the state parks programs  
17 involving park user fees, any leases or concession agreements,  
18 any fees collected pursuant to section 184- , the sale of any  
19 article purchased from the department to benefit the state parks  
20 programs, or any gifts or contributions; provided that proceeds



1 derived from the operation of Iolani Palace shall be used to  
2 supplement its educational and interpretive programs."

3 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

4 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



H.B. NO. 1316  
H.D. 2  
S.D. 1  
C.D. 1

APPROVED this 29th day of May, 2025

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

HB No. 1316, HD 2, SD 1, CD 1

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawaii

We hereby certify that the above-referenced Bill on this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025.



Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker  
House of Representatives

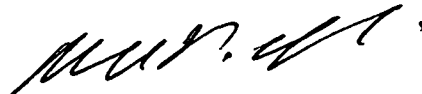


Brian L. Takeshita  
Chief Clerk  
House of Representatives


**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAI‘I**

Date: April 30, 2025  
Honolulu, Hawai‘i 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate  
of the Thirty-Third Legislature of the State of Hawai‘i, Regular Session of 2025.



President of the Senate



Clerk of the Senate