
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE KIKIAOLA SMALL BOAT HARBOR.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The department of land and natural
2 resources shall conduct a carrying capacity study of Kikiaola
3 small boat harbor in the county of Kauai. The study shall:
4 (1) Include an assessment of the carrying capacity of the
5 Kikiaola small boat harbor and its surrounding area,
6 including an estimate of the number of persons and the
7 amount of human activity that the harbor can sustain
8 without degrading natural resources, cultural
9 resources, or experiences by visitors and residents;
10 provided that the carrying capacity assessed shall
11 include the capacity effects of any improvements that
12 have been approved as of the effective date of this
13 Act, including the construction of a second boat
14 launch ramp;
15 (2) Assess the effectiveness of existing use restrictions
16 and management practices;



1 (3) Determine whether commercial tour operators have been
2 allowed by the department to increase the number of
3 passengers allowed in their operations without review
4 or understanding of the effects on the harbor's
5 infrastructure or natural resources;

6 (4) Assess the potential effectiveness of visitor use
7 restrictions and management practices; and

8 (5) Propose long-term management options to reduce the
9 impact of humans on the health and abundance of
10 natural resources, cultural resources, and native
11 species within and around the harbor.

12 (b) In conducting the study, the department of land and
13 natural resources shall consult with the county of Kauai,
14 relevant community organizations, and other relevant entities.

15 (c) The department of land and natural resources shall
16 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
17 any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than
18 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
19 2026.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$250,000 or so much



1 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2025-2026 for the
2 department of land and natural resources to conduct a carrying
3 capacity study of Kikiaola small boat harbor in the county of
4 Kauai.

5 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
6 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

7 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2025.



Report Title:

DLNR; Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor; Report; Appropriation

Description:

Requires the Department of Land and Natural Resources to conduct a study of the carrying capacity of Kikiaola Small Boat Harbor and its surrounding area in the County of Kauai. Requires a report to the Legislature. Appropriates funds. (CD1)

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