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GOV. MSG. NO. 1228

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
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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Josh Green M.D.".

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

A BILL FOR AN ACT

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, Kealakekua 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



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

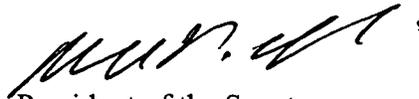


Brian L. Takeshita
Chief Clerk
House of Representatives

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