

ACT 214

S.B. NO. 2182

A Bill for an Act Relating to Ocean Stewardship.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Hawaii:

SECTION 1. Section 187A-52, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended as follows:

1. By amending subsection (a) to read:

“(a) All ~~[operators of commercial vessels, water craft, or water sports equipment that are required to have a commercial operator]~~ persons required to obtain a permit [pursuant to section 13-256-3(a), Hawaii Administrative Rules,] from the department to engage in commercial activity pursuant to sections 200-4, 200-10, 200-24, and 200-37, or any rules adopted thereunder, shall collect an ocean stewardship user fee from each passenger carried or customer served.”

2. By amending subsection (c) to read:

“(c) All fees collected pursuant to this section shall be transferred to the department on a monthly basis and shall be deposited into the ocean stewardship special fund; provided that any fees collected on or after January 1, [2029,] 2031, shall be deposited into the general fund.”

SECTION 2. Act 46, Session Laws of Hawaii 2021, is amended by amending section 3 to read as follows:

“SECTION 3. Section 187A-A, Hawaii Revised Statutes, established in section 2 of this Act to create the ocean stewardship special fund, shall be repealed and the ocean stewardship special fund shall be abolished on January 1, [2029,] 2031, and any remaining balance shall lapse to the general fund.”

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed and stricken.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

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

(Approved July 8, 2024.)