
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO GROUNDED VESSELS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 200-47.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) Solely for the purposes of removal and with no
4 liability to the department, the department may assume control
5 of any vessel that:

6 (1) Is grounded on a coral reef or in imminent danger of
7 breaking up; and

8 (2) Cannot be immediately removed by the owner within
9 seventy-two hours in a manner that is reasonably safe,
10 as determined by the department.

11 Once the department assumes control over the vessel, the vessel
12 shall be [~~directed to a safer location.~~] removed by conventional
13 salvage methods to minimize damage to the natural resources and
14 not become a hazard to navigation. All costs and expenses of
15 removing the vessel and [~~damages~~] damage to state or private
16 property shall be the sole responsibility of the vessel's owner
17 or operator. This section shall apply whether the vessel is
18 attended or deemed derelict under section 200-48."



1 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



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Report Title:

Grounded Vessels

Description:

Authorizes the Department of Land and Natural Resources to remove a grounded vessel under its control, by conventional salvage methods, in order to minimize damage to the natural resources and not become a hazard to navigation. (HB3173 CD1)

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