

**GOV. MSG. NO. 738**

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
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LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

May 22, 2008

The Honorable Colleen Hanabusa, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Fourth State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 409  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Madam President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on May 22, 2008, the following bill was signed into law:

HB3173 HD1 SD1 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO GROUNDED  
VESSELS.  
(ACT 96)

Sincerely,



LINDA LINGLE

# 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

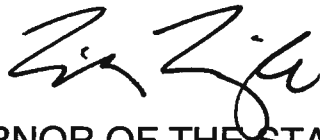
8 (2) Cannot be immediately removed by the owner within  
9 seventy-two hours in a manner that is reasonably safe,  
10 as determined by the department.

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 Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  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.

APPROVED this 22 day of MAY, 2008



GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

