
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POLLUTION ABATEMENT.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 342D-30, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended to read as follows:
3 "**§342D-30 Civil penalties.** (a) Any person who violates
4 this chapter, any rule, or any term or condition of a permit or
5 variance issued pursuant to this chapter shall be fined [~~not~~] no
6 more than [~~\$25,000~~] \$59,973 for each separate offense. Each day
7 of each violation shall constitute a separate offense. Any
8 action taken in environmental court to impose or collect the
9 penalty provided for in this section shall be considered a civil
10 action. In determining the amount of a civil penalty, the
11 environmental court shall consider the seriousness of the
12 violation or violations[]; the economic benefit, if any,
13 resulting from the violation[]; any history of these
14 violations[]; any good-faith efforts to comply with the
15 applicable requirements[]; the economic impact of the penalty
16 on the violator[]; and any other matters that justice may
17 require. It shall be presumed that the violator's economic and



1 financial conditions allow payment of the penalty, and the
2 burden of proof of the contrary is on the violator.

3 (b) Any person who denies, obstructs, or hampers the
4 entrance or inspection by any duly authorized officer or
5 employee of the department of any building, place, or vehicle
6 that the officer or employee is authorized to enter and inspect
7 shall be fined [~~not~~] no more than [~~\$10,000~~] \$25,000 for each day
8 of denial, obstruction, or hampering. Any action taken in
9 environmental court to impose or collect the penalty provided
10 for in this subsection shall be considered a civil action."

11 SECTION 2. Section 342E-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended to read as follows:

13 "[~~§~~]**§342E-4**[~~§~~] **Civil penalties.** (a) Any person who
14 violates any rule adopted under this chapter shall be fined
15 [~~not~~] no more than [~~\$10,000~~] \$59,973 for each separate offense.
16 Each day of each violation shall constitute a separate offense.
17 Any action taken to impose or collect the penalty provided for
18 in this section shall be considered a civil action.

19 (b) Any person who denies, obstructs, or hampers the
20 entrance to and inspection by any duly authorized officer or
21 employee of the department of any building, place, or vehicle



1 shall be fined [~~not~~] no more than [~~\$5,000~~] \$25,000 for each day
2 of [~~such a~~] denial, obstruction, or hampering. Any action taken
3 to impose or collect the penalty provided for in this section
4 shall be considered a civil action.

5 (c) Any fine or penalty collected shall be [~~placed in~~]
6 deposited into the environmental response revolving fund
7 [~~pursuant to~~] established by [+]section[+] 128D-2."

8 SECTION 3. Section 342L-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended to read as follows:

10 "**§342L-10 Penalties.** (a) Any person who violates this
11 chapter, any rule adopted pursuant to this chapter, or any
12 condition of a permit or variance issued pursuant to this
13 chapter shall be fined [~~not~~] no more than [~~\$25,000~~] \$59,973 for
14 each individual tank for each day of each violation. Each day
15 of each violation shall constitute a separate offense. In
16 addition, any person who fails to comply with an order issued
17 under this chapter within the time specified in the order shall
18 be fined [~~not~~] no more than [~~\$25,000~~] \$59,973 for each day of
19 noncompliance with the order. Any action taken in environmental
20 court to impose or collect the penalty provided for in this
21 subsection shall be considered a civil action.



1 (b) Any person who:
2 (1) Denies, obstructs, or hampers the entrance,
3 inspection, or conduct of release response activities
4 by any duly authorized representative of the
5 department at any building, place, site, facility,
6 vehicle, or structure that the representative is
7 authorized to enter, inspect, or at which the
8 representative is authorized to conduct release
9 response activities; or
10 (2) Fails to provide information requested by the
11 representative as required under section 342L-7;
12 shall be fined [~~not~~] no more than [~~\$500~~] \$25,000 per day of
13 denial, obstruction, hindrance, or failure. Any action taken in
14 environmental court to impose or collect the penalty provided
15 for in this subsection shall be considered a civil action."

16 SECTION 4. There is appropriated out of the general
17 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
18 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2023-2024 and
19 the same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
20 year 2024-2025 for the establishment of one full-time equivalent



1 (1.0 FTE) permanent environmental health specialist position
2 within the clean water branch of the department of health.

3 The sums appropriated shall be expended by the department
4 of health for the purposes of this Act.

5 SECTION 5. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 6. This Act shall take effect on June 30, 3000.



Report Title:

Pollution; Penalties; Appropriation

Description:

Increases civil penalties for the violation of various pollution provisions. Establishes and appropriates funds for one full-time equivalent (1.0 FTE) environmental health specialist position. Effective 6/30/3000. (HD1)

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