

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE
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FILM PERMITS THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR THE USE OF JET SKIS
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013

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IN RESPONSE TO
Act 89, SLH 2009

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INTRODUCTION

Act 89, SLH 2009 amended HRS 200-37 to allow operation of a thrill craft in State waters by an “Authorized film production permit holders conducting operations approved by the department [DLNR].” This amendment became effective July 1, 2009 and will expire on July 1, 2014. Prior to this amendment, it was difficult for some film productions to obtain film permits to use jet skis as a camera platform or to carry talent for scenes. Generally, film permits were only approved with jet skis as a water safety device.

FINDINGS

Attached is a list for 2013 which does provide the authorized film production permit holder (Production Company Name), locations, dates, and fees. In 2013 there were 24 film permits issued for the use of jet skis. Mostly these film permits were for jet skis as a water safety device.

There were no complaints received by DLNR or the Hawaii Film Office for use of the thrill crafts for film production. There were no environmental damage or disruptions reported to DLNR or the Hawaii Film Office by the use of thrill crafts by film productions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Both the DLNR and the Hawaii Film Office recommend that the sunset date for this amendment be lifted to allow this as a permanent exemption. The Administration will be asking that the 2014 Legislature introduce a bill to make permanent this exemption. DBEDT/Hawaii Film Office and DLNR/Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation will be working together to update the fee structure for filming activity within state jurisdiction. This will allow DOBOR to charge fees for filming within its specific jurisdiction, including use of jet skis for filming on open ocean waters.

