

---

# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HANAIEI BAY.

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

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hanalei Bay is known  
2       for its character as a quiet recreational area for families and  
3       visitors to participate in ocean activities, including surfing,  
4       swimming, paddle boarding, sailing, and kayaking. The  
5       legislature further finds that there has been a growing increase  
6       in the number of large vessels, including yachts and ships,  
7       mooring in Hanalei Bay, posing a risk to the health and safety  
8       of individuals and families participating in ocean activities in  
9       the bay.

10       Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to preserve the  
11       quiet recreational character of Hanalei Bay and protect the  
12       safety of residents and visitors who use the bay for water  
13       activities by restricting the size of vessels permitted to enter  
14       Hanalei Bay.

15       SECTION 2. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
16       amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
17       designated and to read as follows:



1       "§200-     Hanalei Bay; vessel restrictions.   No vessel more  
2   than seventy-five feet in length shall enter Hanalei Bay waters,  
3   the boundaries of which shall be defined by the board pursuant  
4   to chapter 91; provided that this section shall not apply to  
5   vessels operated by a federal, state, or county agency."

6       SECTION 3.   New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Board of Land and Natural Resources; Hanalei Bay; Vessel  
Restriction

**Description:**

Prohibits vessels longer than seventy-five feet from entering  
Hanalei Bay. Exempts vessels operated by a federal, state, or  
county agency. (HD2)

*The summary description of legislation appearing on this page is for informational purposes only and is  
not legislation or evidence of legislative intent.*

