A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC ACCESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 115-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is 2 amended to read as follows: 3 "§115-2 Acquisition of lands for public rights-of-way and public transit corridors. When the provisions of section 46-6.5 4 5 are not applicable, the various counties shall purchase land or 6 negotiate easements for public rights-of-way to the shorelines, 7 the sea, and inland recreational areas, and for public transit 8 corridors where topography is such that safe transit does not 9 exist[-]; provided that public shoreline access shall be 10 available at intervals of approximately one-quarter of a mile." 11 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Public Access to Beaches; Land Acquisition

Description:

Directs the counties to acquire land or negotiate an easement to provide public access to coastal and inland recreational areas at quarter-mile intervals.

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