A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEACH ACCESS.

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

- Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended 1 SECTION 1. by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to 2 3 read as follows: 4 "\$46- Beach access; signage. (a) Any county with a population of more than five hundred thousand shall place signs 5 6 to clearly identify each public beach access that has been 7 dedicated for public access by right-of-way or easement for 8 public travel from a public highway or public streets to the 9 land below the high-water mark on any coastal shoreline.
- signs that identify public access shall be colored blue and white.
- (b) Any county with a population of more than five hundred
 thousand shall place signs that are clearly and prominently
- 14 located at all public beach accesses to inform emergency
- 15 personnel of the location of a beach access point available to
- 16 emergency personnel. The signs notifying of emergency personnel
- access shall be colored yellow and black.

1	(c) A sign or signs approved for use by the county under
2	subsection (a) or (b) shall be conclusively presumed to be
3	legally adequate to notify the public of a public beach access
4	or right-of-way."
5	SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
6	SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.
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	INTRODUCED BY:

Report Title:

Beach Access; Signage

Description:

Requires counties with a population that exceeds 500,000 to clearly mark all public beach access points to ensure public knowledge of legitimate points of entry and to assist emergency response workers in quickly locating beach access points in times of crisis.

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