## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COUNTIES.

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

- 1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the counties need
- 2 greater enforcement authority of near shore laws, rules, and
- 3 regulations. The State has insufficient staff to regularly
- 4 provide enforcement and the counties may desire enforcement of
- 5 county rules and regulations. County lifeguards are currently
- 6 not authorized to enforce state rules.
- 7 The purpose of this Act is to allow for greater enforcement
- 8 of state and county near shore laws, rules, and regulations by
- 9 county lifeguards.
- 10 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 11 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
- 12 read as follows:
- 13 "\$46- County enforcement in near shore zone. County
- 14 lifeguards may enforce state laws, rules, and regulations and
- 15 any county rules and regulations not in conflict with state law
- 16 within the near shore zone. For purposes of this section, "near



- 1 shore zone" means the area five hundred feet seaward from the
- 2 shoreline."

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- 3 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 4 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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### Report Title:

County Administration; Enforcement; Near Shore Zone

#### Description:

Allows county lifeguards to enforce state laws, rules, and regulations in the near shore zone.

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