
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature has recognized Molokini shoal
2 as an area worthy of special designation and treatment due to
3 its environmental and scenic importance. Molokini shoal has
4 been designated as the Maui Molokini shoal marine life
5 conservation district in order to conserve and replenish marine
6 reserves. Because the department of land and natural resources
7 limits activities within marine life conversation districts,
8 these areas provide protection for aquatic life and are
9 typically the most common sites for snorkeling, diving, and
10 underwater photography.

11 The purpose of this Act is to provide greater protection to
12 the Maui Molokini shoal marine life conservation district by
13 capping the number of permits that may be issued and the number
14 of permitted vessels that can enter the crater at any single
15 time.

16 SECTION 2. Section 190-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended to read as follows:



1 "§190-4.5 Anchoring, boating, and mooring in marine life
2 conservation districts; rules. (a) The department shall,
3 pursuant to chapter 91, adopt rules for the regulation of
4 anchoring and mooring in each marine life conservation district
5 established under this chapter.

6 (b) Specifically for the Maui Molokini shoal marine life
7 conservation district, there shall be a total of forty permits
8 issued, and twenty permitted vessels shall be granted entry into
9 the crater at any one time.

10 [~~(b)~~] (c) Within its jurisdiction over ocean recreational
11 boating and coastal activities, the department shall adopt rules
12 pursuant to chapter 91 for the regulation of boating in each
13 marine life conservation district established under this
14 chapter."

15 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
16 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

17 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,
18 2050.

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Report Title:

Marine Life Conservation Districts; Maui; Molokini Shoal;
Permits; Vessels

Description:

Provides that a total of forty permits shall be issued for the Maui Molokini Shoal marine life conservation district and that twenty permitted vessels shall be granted entry to the crater at any one time. Takes effect 12/31/2050. (SD1)

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