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# 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:

11           (1) Preserve the quiet recreational character of Hanalei  
12           Bay; and

13           (2) Protect the safety of residents and visitors who use  
14           the bay for water activities;

15 by restricting the size of vessels permitted to enter Hanalei  
16 Bay.



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

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

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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# H.B. NO. 1423

**Report Title:**

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

**Description:**

Prohibits vessels longer than 75 feet from entering Hanalei Bay.  
Exempts vessels operated by a federal, state, or county agency.

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