

JAN 23 2025

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.



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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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INTRODUCED BY: _____



By Request



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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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