
A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROHIBITING SALES OF OPIHI.

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

1 SECTION 1. In recent years, the number of edible opihi
2 found in Hawaii has declined. The popularity of opihi as a
3 delicacy has led to overharvesting on the island of Oahu and has
4 made opihi difficult to find on the neighbor islands.

5 The blackfoot opihi (*cellana exarata*), also known as
6 "makaiauli," once the most common limpet in Hawaiian waters, is
7 found in the upper wash of waves. The yellowfoot opihi (*cellana*
8 *sandwicensis*), also known as "alinalina," is the preferred
9 species for eating. It is found in the wash of waves, roughly
10 between the habitats of the blackfoot opihi and koele, the third
11 type of edible opihi in Hawaii. Koele is also known as the
12 "kneecap" opihi (*cellana talcosa*). There is also a fourth type
13 of opihi (*cellana meanostoma*) observed in Kaua`i that probably
14 also could be found in Niihau.

15 Although opihi can be collected year-round, opihi shells
16 must be at least one and a quarter inches wide, or the meat must
17 be at least a half-inch wide, to be legally harvested them in
18 Hawaii.



1 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the sale of all
2 Hawaiian species of edible opihi.

3 SECTION 2. Section 188-42.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended to read as follows:

5 "~~§~~188-42.5~~§~~ **Hihiwai, hapawai, opihi, and opae**
6 **kala`ole selling prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any
7 person at any time to sell or offer for sale any hihiwai,
8 hapawai, opihi, and opae kala`ole taken from any of the waters
9 within the jurisdiction of the State. It shall be presumed that
10 the taking of more than one quart per person per day of opihi,
11 as measured with its shell on, from any of the other waters
12 within the jurisdiction of the State, is for commercial sale
13 purposes.

14 As used in this section, "opihi" means all known Hawaiian
15 opihi species, including cellana exarata (blackfoot), cellana
16 sandwicencis (yellowfoot), cellana talcosa (koele), and cellana
17 melanostoma."

18 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Prohibits the selling of opihi. (SB2006 HD1)

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