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# 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 ko'ele, the  
11 third type of edible opihi in Hawaii. Ko'ele is also known as  
12 the "kneecap" opihi (*cellana talcosa*).

13           Although opihi can be collected year round, opihi shells  
14 must be at least one and a quarter inches wide, or the meat a  
15 half inch wide, to legally harvest them in Hawaii.

16           The purpose of this Act is to prohibit the sale of the  
17 three types of edible opihi.



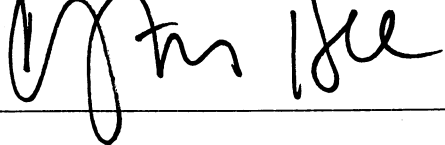
1 SECTION 2. Section 188-42.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 "[~~§~~188-42.5~~§~~] Hihiwai, hapawai, opihi, and opae  
4 kala`ole selling prohibited. It shall be unlawful for any  
5 person at any time to sell or offer for sale any hihiwai,  
6 hapawai, opihi, and opae kala`ole taken from any of the waters  
7 within the jurisdiction of the State.

8 The three types of opihi prohibited for sale are the  
9 blackfoot (cellana exarata), yellowfoot (cellana sandwicencis),  
10 and ko'ele (cellana talcosa) opihi."

11 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
12 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

14 INTRODUCED BY: 



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**Report Title:**

Conservation and Resources; Resource Management; Opihi

**Description:**

Prohibits the selling of opihi.

