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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAILBOARDS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that surfers and swimmers  
2 using Hawaii's oceans for recreation face a danger from  
3 operators of sailboards and kiteboards. Sailboarders and  
4 kiteboarders often operate their craft at high speeds in areas  
5 crowded with surfers and swimmers. Kiteboards and sailboards  
6 are much heavier and faster and could cause serious injury if  
7 they were to collide with a swimmer or surfer. The purpose of  
8 this Act is to ensure water safety by prohibiting the operator  
9 of a sailboard or kiteboard from approaching within two hundred  
10 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the water.

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

14           "§200-     Operation of sailboards and kiteboards.  No  
15 person shall operate a sailboard or kiteboard within two hundred  
16 feet of another person swimming or using a surfboard within the  
17 waters of the State.



1        For the purposes of this section, "sailboard or kiteboard"  
2 means any type of board that is propelled by a detachable sail  
3 or kite apparatus.

4        For the purposes of this section, "surfboard" means any  
5 type of board that is used for the sport of surf-riding and  
6 includes boards commonly known as "body boards"."

7        SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
9 begun, before its effective date.

10        SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

11        SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

**Description:**

Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.

