
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WALU.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that eating more than six
2 ounces of walu can cause severe diarrhea and digestive problems
3 due to the fish's high level of indigestible wax esters. The
4 appearance of walu is practically indiscernible from butterfish
5 and is often sold or mislabeled as butterfish, to the detriment
6 of the consuming public.

7 The purpose of this Act is to protect the public by
8 prohibiting the taking, sale, or possession of walu.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 188, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§188- Walu; prohibition. (a) It is unlawful for any
13 person to wilfully fish for, or attempt to take by any means
14 whatsoever, from any of the waters within the jurisdiction of
15 the State, or to sell, offer for sale, or possess any walu, also
16 known as escolar or lepidocybium flavobrunneum.

17 (b) The department of land and natural resources may adopt
18 rules pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate this section."



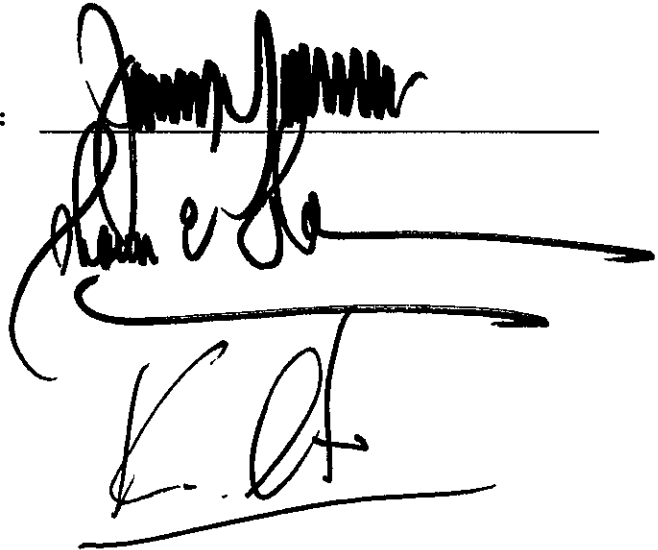
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1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Walū; Prohibition

Description:

Prohibits the catching, selling, or possession of walū in Hawaii.

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