
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BEACH ACCESS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
3 read as follows:

4 "§46- Beach access; signage. (a) Any county with a
5 population of more than five hundred thousand shall place signs
6 that clearly identify public beach accesses that have been
7 dedicated for public access by right-of-way or easement for
8 public travel from a public highway or public streets to the
9 land below the high-water mark on any coastal shoreline. The
10 signs notifying of public access shall be colored blue and
11 white.

12 (b) Any county with a population of more than five hundred
13 thousand shall place signs at all public beach accesses that are
14 clearly and prominently located to inform emergency personnel of
15 the location of the beach access point. The signs notifying of
16 emergency personnel access shall be colored yellow and black.



1 (c) A sign or signs approved for use by the county shall
2 be conclusively presumed to be legally adequate to notify the
3 public of a beach access point."

4 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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Report Title:

Beach Access; Signage

Description:

Requires counties with a population that exceeds 500,000 to clearly mark all public beach access points to ensure public knowledge of legitimate points of entry and to assist emergency response workers in quickly locating beach access points in times of crisis.

