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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII SURFING RESERVES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that designating Hawaii  
2 surfing reserves would recognize important surf sites and  
3 acknowledge their environmental, cultural, sports, and historic  
4 significance in Hawaii. Designation of Hawaii surfing reserves  
5 would raise awareness about the importance of protecting,  
6 nourishing, and developing Hawaii's world famous surf sites.  
7 Designation of Hawaii surfing reserves would not limit enjoyment  
8 of the designated area.

9           A Hawaii surfing reserve designation achieves three  
10 purposes:

- 11           (1) Formal worldwide recognition of the designated surfing  
12 site as an area that has quality surf and significant  
13 cultural, historical, recreational, and competitive  
14 sports value;
- 15           (2) Recognition of the close relationship between surfers  
16 and the ocean; and



1 (3) Promotion of the long-term preservation of Hawaii  
2 surfing reserves for recreation and competitive  
3 surfing.

4 To date, Australia has designated several areas as surfing  
5 reserves, and New Zealand has considered taking similar action  
6 to protect its coastal environment.

7 The purpose of this Act is to designate the surf breaks:

8 (1) From Kewalo Basin to the Waikiki War Memorial  
9 Natatorium on the south shore of Oahu;

10 (2) From Haleiwa to Sunset beach on the north shore of  
11 Oahu; and

12 (3) Off Honolua Bay, from Kauhipueo Point to Kalaepiha  
13 Point, and including Hononaaahu Point, Miloiki Point  
14 and Puiwa Point on the island of Maui,

15 as Hawaii surfing reserves.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
17 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
18 read as follows:

19 "§6E- Hawaii surfing reserves. (a) There is  
20 established:

21 (1) The Waikiki Hawaii surfing reserve, which shall  
22 include all surf breaks off the area of Oahu bounded



- 1           by Kewalo basin and the Waikiki War Memorial
- 2           Natatorium;
- 3           (2) The north shore Hawaii surfing reserve, which shall
- 4           include all surf breaks off the area of the north
- 5           shore of Oahu from Alii beach in Haleiwa to Sunset
- 6           beach; and
- 7           (3) The Honolulu Bay Hawaii surfing reserve, which shall
- 8           include all surf breaks off the area of Maui island
- 9           from Kauhipeo Point to Kalaepiha Point, including
- 10          Hononaaahu Point, Miloiki Point, and Puiwa Point.
- 11 Each Hawaii surfing reserve shall extend from the high water
- 12 mark and include all surf breaks within the defined reserve.
- 13          (b) In connection with Hawaii surfing reserves, the
- 14 department shall:
- 15          (1) Recognize that recreational and competitive surfing in
- 16          all its forms is an asset to the state of Hawaii;
- 17          (2) Assist in placing appropriate signs or markers
- 18          provided by the surfing community, other
- 19          organizations, or individuals that are designed to
- 20          commemorate and identify the respective Hawaii surfing
- 21          reserves; and



1       (3) Assist in promoting federal, state, and county  
2           collaboration in nourishing and protecting Hawaii  
3           surfing reserves.

4       (c) For the purposes of this section:

5       "Hawaii surfing reserve" means a part of the coastal  
6 environment recognized by the community for the cultural and  
7 historical quality and consistency of its surf and its long-term  
8 and ongoing relationship between the surf and surfers. A Hawaii  
9 surfing reserve includes the beach and adjacent surf zone from  
10 the high water mark and may include features of the marine and  
11 coastal zone that intrinsically enhance aspects of the surfing  
12 experience.

13       "Surfer" means any person who interacts physically with the  
14 surf for recreation, including activities such as bodysurfing,  
15 bodyboarding, surfing, surfskiing, surfboating, stand-up paddle  
16 boarding and all forms of surf lifesaving and lifeguarding,  
17 including tow-in surfing; provided that riding waves on machines  
18 shall be excluded."

19       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

20       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Surfing Reserves; Waikiki; North Shore

**Description:**

Designates three Hawaii Surfing Reserves, comprising surf breaks off Waikiki to Kewalo Basin, the north shore of Oahu from Alii Beach in Haleiwa to Sunset Beach, and Honolua Bay on the island of Maui. (SB2646 HD2)

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