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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 to  
6 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 Kauhipeo 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 of the area of Oahu.



1 bounded 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 of the area of the north  
5 shore of Oahu from Ali'i beach in Haleiwa to Sunset  
6 beach; and

7 (3) The Ho'olua Bay Hawaii surfing reserve, which shall  
8 include all surf breaks off of the area of Maui from  
9 Kauhipueo 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, which 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       body boarding, 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 2, 2040.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Surfing Reserves; Waikiki; North Shore

**Description:**

Designates three Hawaii Surfing Reserves, comprising surf breaks off of Waikiki to Kewalo Basin, the north shore of Oahu from Ali'i Beach in Haleiwa to Sunset Beach, and Honolua Bay on the island of Maui. Effective July 1, 2040. (SB2646 HD1)

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