
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that marine life
2 conservation districts are vital to both the ocean's fragile
3 ecosystem and the State's tourism industry. Conservation of the
4 State's shoreline retains the pristine quality of these
5 protected areas. Although the State has designated marine life
6 conservation districts, more shoreline areas should be protected
7 under this designation.

8 The purpose of this Act is to increase the number of marine
9 life conservation districts to better protect near-shore reefs
10 and marine ecosystems and to maintain the State's shorelines for
11 visitors and residents to enjoy.

12 SECTION 2. Section 190-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 "**§190-2 Establishment and modifications of conservation**
15 **district.** (a) The department of land and natural resources
16 shall designate marine life conservation districts on each
17 island in the State; provided that not less than five per cent



1 of shoreline on each island in the State shall be included in
2 areas designated as marine life conservation districts.

3 (b) The department of land and natural resources may
4 establish and from time to time modify the limits of one or more
5 conservation districts in each county and may, if it deems
6 necessary, declare all waters within any county a conservation
7 district."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Marine Life; Conservation Districts

Description:

Directs DLNR to designate not less than 5% of the shoreline on each Hawaiian island as a marine life conservation district.

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