
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO OCEAN SAFETY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§200- Opihi; taking or harvesting; safety devices;
5 violation. (a) No person shall engage in taking or harvesting
6 opihi in the State without:

7 (1) Wearing a flotation device;

8 (2) Wearing protective footwear; and

9 (3) Using brightly colored rope at least two hundred feet
10 in length that can be readily seen in the water.

11 (b) Any person who violates this section shall be subject
12 to the following penalties:

13 (1) For the first offense, a fine of \$100 and confiscation
14 of all opihi taken or harvested by the offender;

15 (2) For the second offense, a fine of \$100 and
16 confiscation of all opihi taken or harvested by the



1 offender and any other persons accompanying the
2 offender; and

3 (2) For a third or subsequent offenses, up to thirty days
4 imprisonment for the offender and confiscation of all
5 opihi taken or harvested by the offender and any other
6 persons accompanying the offender.

7 (c) The department shall adopt rules to effectuate the
8 purposes of this section pursuant to chapter 91.

9 (d) As used in this section:

10 "Opihi" means all known Hawaiian opihi species, including
11 Cellana exarata (blackfoot), Cellana sandwicencis (yellowfoot),
12 Cellana talcosa (koele), and Cellana melanostoma (greenfoot).

13 "Protective footwear" means water shoes, fishing shoes, or
14 some other kind of footwear that prevents a person from losing
15 the person's footing while taking or harvesting opihi."

16 SECTION 2. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
17 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
18 begun before its effective date.

19 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Opihi; Taking and Harvesting; Penalties.

Description:

Establishes safety guidelines for the taking and harvesting of opihi; establishes penalties for violations.

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