
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes Molokini shoal as an
2 area worthy of special designation and treatment due to its
3 environmental and scenic importance. Molokini shoal has been
4 designated as a marine life conservation district, which are
5 designed to conserve and replenish marine reserves. Marine life
6 conservation districts allow only limited uses and provide a
7 protected area for aquatic life. Marine life conservation
8 districts are most popularly used for snorkeling, diving, and
9 underwater photography.

10 The purpose of this Act is to preserve Molokini shoal by
11 limiting entry into the Molokini marine life conservation
12 district to forty-one permits and twenty permitted vessels at
13 any given time.

14 SECTION 2. Section 190-4.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
15 amended to read as follows:

16 "§190-4.5 Anchoring, boating, and mooring in marine life
17 conservation districts; rules. (a) The department shall,



1 pursuant to chapter 91, adopt rules for the regulation of
2 anchoring and mooring in each marine life conservation district
3 established under this chapter.

4 (b) There shall be forty-one permits and twenty permitted
5 vessels granted entry into the Molokini marine life conservation
6 district at any given time.

7 (c) Within its jurisdiction over ocean recreational
8 boating and coastal activities, the department shall adopt rules
9 pursuant to chapter 91 for the regulation of boating in each
10 marine life conservation district established under this
11 chapter."

12 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

13 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Molokini Marine Life Conservation District; DLNR; Limited Entry

Description:

Requires DLNR to limit entry into the Molokini marine life conservation district to forty-one permits and twenty permitted vessels at any given time. (HB1133 HD1)

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