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# 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 has recognized that certain  
2 marine life conservation districts are worthy of special  
3 treatment due to their environmental and scenic importance and  
4 their role in conserving and replenishing marine reserves.  
5 Because the department of land and natural resources limits  
6 activities within marine life conversation districts, these  
7 areas provide protection for aquatic life and are typically the  
8 most common sites for snorkeling, diving, and underwater  
9 photography.

10           The purpose of this Act is to provide greater protection to  
11 any marine life conservation district not accessible by land by  
12 capping the number of access permits that may be issued and the  
13 number of permitted vessels that may enter the district at any  
14 single time.

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



1           "§190-4.5 Anchoring, boating, and mooring in marine life  
2 **conservation districts; rules.** (a) The department shall,  
3 pursuant to chapter 91, adopt rules for the regulation of  
4 anchoring and mooring in each marine life conservation district  
5 established under this chapter.

6           (b) For any marine life conservation district not  
7 accessible by land:

8           (1) There shall be no more than a total of forty permits  
9 granting access; provided that the department shall  
10 not issue any new permits in a respective marine life  
11 conservation district after forty permits have been  
12 issued for that marine life conservation district; and

13           (2) Access shall be limited to fifty per cent, rounded to  
14 the lesser of the nearest whole numbers, of the  
15 current number of permit holders.

16           ~~(b)~~ (c) Within its jurisdiction over ocean recreational  
17 boating and coastal activities, the department shall adopt rules  
18 pursuant to chapter 91 for the regulation of boating in each  
19 marine life conservation district established under this  
20 chapter."



1 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
2 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

3 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on December 31,  
4 2050.



**Report Title:**

Marine Life Conservation Districts; Permits; Vessels

**Description:**

Prohibits the issuance of more than 40 access permits for any marine life conservation district not accessible by land. Limits access to the district to no more than 50% of permit holders. Effective 12/31/2050. (SD2)

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