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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO SAILBOARDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that surfers and swimmers
2 using Hawaii's oceans for recreation face a danger from
3 operators of sailboards and kiteboards. Sailboarders and
4 kiteboarders often operate their craft at high speeds in areas
5 crowded with surfers and swimmers. Kiteboards and sailboards
6 are much heavier and faster and could cause serious injury if
7 they were to collide with a swimmer or surfer. The purpose of
8 this Act is to ensure water safety by prohibiting the operator
9 of a sailboard or kiteboard from approaching within two hundred
10 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the water.

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 200, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately
13 designated and to read as follows:

14 "§200- Operation of sailboards and kiteboards. No
15 person shall operate a sailboard or kiteboard within two hundred
16 feet of another person swimming or using a surfboard within the
17 waters of the State.



1 For the purposes of this section, "sailboard or kiteboard"
2 means any type of board that is propelled by a detachable sail
3 or kite apparatus.

4 For the purposes of this section, "surfboard" means any
5 type of board that is used for the sport of surf-riding and
6 includes boards commonly known as "body boards"."

7 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that
8 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were
9 begun, before its effective date.

10 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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INTRODUCED BY:



Report Title:

Ocean Recreation; Sailboards

Description:

Prohibits operators of sailboards from approaching within 200 feet of a swimmer or surfer in the ocean.

