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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HAWAII SURFING RESERVES.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that designating Hawaii  
2 surfing reserves would recognize important surf sites and  
3 acknowledge their environmental, cultural, sports, and historic  
4 significance in Hawaii. Designation of Hawaii surfing reserves  
5 would raise awareness about the importance of protecting,  
6 nourishing, and developing Hawaii's world famous surf sites.  
7 Designation of Hawaii surfing reserves would not limit enjoyment  
8 of the designated area, particularly with respect to existing  
9 recreational and other uses.

10           A Hawaii surfing reserve designation achieves three  
11 purposes:

- 12           (1) Formal worldwide recognition of the designated surfing  
13 site as an area that has quality surf and significant  
14 cultural, historical, and sports value;
- 15           (2) Recognition of the close relationship between surfers  
16 and the ocean; and
- 17           (3) Promotion of the long-term preservation of Hawaii  
18 surfing reserves.



1 To date, Australia has designated several areas as surfing  
2 reserves, and New Zealand has considered taking similar action  
3 to protect its coastal environment.

4 The purpose of this Act is to designate the surf breaks:

5 (1) From the Ala Wai to the Waikiki War Memorial  
6 Natatorium on the island of Oahu; and

7 (2) From Haleiwa to Sunset beach on the island of Oahu,  
8 as Hawaii surfing reserves.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
10 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to  
11 read as follows:

12 "§6E- Hawaii surfing reserves. (a) There is  
13 established:

14 (1) The Waikiki Hawaii surfing reserve, which shall  
15 include all surf breaks off the area of Oahu bounded  
16 by the Ala Wai and the Waikiki War Memorial  
17 Natatorium; and

18 (2) The north shore Hawaii surfing reserve, which shall  
19 include all surf breaks off the area of Oahu from Alii  
20 beach in Haleiwa to Sunset beach.

21 Each Hawaii surfing reserve shall extend from the high water  
22 mark and include all surf breaks within the defined reserve.



1        (b) In connection with Hawaii surfing reserves, the  
2 department may:

3        (1) Recognize that surfing in all its forms is an asset to  
4 the state of Hawaii;

5        (2) Assist in placing appropriate signs or markers  
6 provided by the surfing community, other  
7 organizations, or individuals that are designed to  
8 commemorate and identify the respective Hawaii surfing  
9 reserves; and

10       (3) Assist in promoting federal, state, and county  
11 collaboration in nourishing and protecting Hawaii  
12 surfing reserves.

13       (c) For the purposes of this section:

14       "Hawaii surfing reserve" means a part of the coastal  
15 environment recognized by the community for the cultural and  
16 historical quality and consistency of its surf and its long-term  
17 and ongoing relationship between the surf and surfers. A Hawaii  
18 surfing reserve includes the beach and adjacent surf zone from  
19 the high water mark and may include features of the marine and  
20 coastal zone that intrinsically enhance aspects of the surfing  
21 experience.



1       "Surfer" means any person who interacts physically with the  
2 surf for recreation, including activities such as bodysurfing,  
3 bodyboarding, surfing, surfskiing, surfboating, stand-up paddle  
4 boarding and all forms of surf lifesaving and lifeguarding,  
5 including tow-in surfing; provided that riding waves on machines  
6 shall be excluded."

7       SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

8       SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2010.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Surfing Reserves; Waikiki; North Shore

**Description:**

Designates two Hawaii surfing reserves, comprising surf breaks off Waikiki from Ala Wai to the War Memorial Natatorium and the north shore of Oahu from Alii beach in Haleiwa to Sunset beach.  
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