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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONSERVATION DISTRICTS.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that marine life  
2 conservation districts play a vital role in protecting the  
3 fragile ocean ecosystem and in sustaining the State's tourism  
4 industry by preserving the living reefs and diverse marine life  
5 found within these areas. Although the State has designated  
6 certain marine life conservation districts, more shoreline areas  
7 should be protected under this designation.

8           The purpose of this Act is to increase the shoreline areas  
9 that are classified as marine life conservation districts in  
10 order to better protect nearshore reefs and marine ecosystems  
11 and to maintain the State's shorelines for visitors and  
12 residents to enjoy.

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

15           "**§190-2 Establishment and modifications of conservation**  
16 **district.** The department of land and natural resources may  
17 establish and from time to time modify the limits of one or more  
18 conservation districts in each county and may, if it deems



1 necessary, declare all waters within any county a conservation  
2 district [-]; provided that at least five per cent of the  
3 shoreline of each island in the State shall be included in a  
4 marine life conservation district."

5 SECTION 3. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
6 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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INTRODUCED BY:

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**Report Title:**

Marine Life Conservation Districts; Shoreline Protection

**Description:**

Specifies that at least five per cent of the shoreline area of each island in the State shall be included within a marine life conservation district.

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