

Would Put Ban On Abbreviated Bathing Suits

Senate Bill Seeks to Stop "Immodest" Bathers Pa- rading Streets

The first official attempt to ban the one-piece swimming garment, and all ultra-abbreviated aquatic apparel, has been made.

Senator Stephen L. Desha of Hawaii came to the support of the Anti-Immodest Bathing Suit society—or whatever it is—this morning when he introduced the prohibitory bill in the senate.

According to the bill Senator Desha doesn't care so much about the style of suits worn in and around swimming tanks, bathing resorts, etc., but he does object to persons, both male and female, youngsters and oldsters, parading about in the streets, alleys, highways, byways and road of Honolulu, in the latest creations in musical comedy bathing suits.

He wants to keep these suits off the streets, as well as off the persons in the habit of wearing them. And he would make aforesaid highways and byways subject to a fine of \$500 and a year's meditation in jail.

Here is the bill:

"Section 1. No person shall walk, run, ride or be on any street, alley, avenue or road of any description or sidewalk in the city and county of Honolulu in a bathing suit or such covering or suit as does not cover his or her body modestly.

"Section 2. Any one who shall expose his or her body in violation of Section 1 of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be fined five hundred (\$500) dollars for each offense or be sentenced to jail for the term of one year or both such fine and term."

A ripple of laughter ran through the double row of school girls and young women sitting in the spectators' gallery as the bill was read by title.

"I suppose the military committee will want to investigate," suggested Senator Charles Rice.

"Where's the waste basket?" asked Senator Lucas.

The bill was sent to the printer without further comment.