

BATHING SUIT LAW ASKED BY WOMEN

Address Communication To Supervisors Requesting Enaction of Regulatory Ordinance

Outlining their reasons for asking the passage of a bathing suit ordinance by the board of supervisors, the Woman's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe Club addressed a communication to the City Fathers last night which was referred to the police committee and the city attorney's department. Following is the communication:

"The board of directors of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Outrigger Canoe Club, supported by the board of the Men's Outrigger Canoe Club, the board of the Y. W. C. A., and the management of the hotels on Waikiki Beach, request that an ordinance be made to regulate the bathing suits on the beach.

"Ordinances or regulations of this kind have been made in other cities which have bathing beaches and it seems advisable to have some regulations here, as the men's suits worn by women have become objectionable to the public at large.

"The best swimmers, the directors of the physical departments and the teachers of life saving declare that the suit we advocate is comfortable and in no way impedes swimming, diving or life saving. These suits, knitted or made of other materials, have a skirt, are four inches low at the neck, have a two-inch shoulder strap, are cut not lower than two inches below the arm pits, and either the skirt or under garment reaches to within three inches of the knee.

Say Objections Voiced

"Objections to the improper bathing suits and to the bathers' walking on the streets in bathing suits, have come to us from every direction and those in charge of young men and young women, who are working for the betterment of the life in this city, staunchly support this measure.

"The Woman's Auxiliary has enforced this law upon its own members for a long time and without friction or difficulty, finding that swimming is in no way impeded, but the auxiliary can not keep improper suits from a public beach unless there is some law to regulate the suits.

"Women are being fitted to men's tight suits in one of the men's furnishing stores, we are told, and are buying men's suits at the dry goods shops where they have been heard to remark that they care only to show their forms at Waikiki. These are the types of women who need an ordinance of some kind before we can keep Waikiki beach the wholesome, normal beach which it used to be.

Tourists Complain

"Complaints have come to us from tourists and many criticisms are reported from the coast. Waikiki is not a large beach and it seems a pity to ruin its reputation when it can so easily be kept free from criticism."