
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF ALLOWING CAMPING WITHIN STATE AGRICULTURAL
DISTRICTS AND IF FEASIBLE, TO SPECIFY UNDER WHAT CONDITIONS
CAMPING SHOULD BE ALLOWED.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian islands are rich with historical and
2 cultural heritage; and

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4 WHEREAS, as an island state, it is difficult for Hawaii's
5 youth to travel, experience, and study the various parts of the
6 State and to access many of the resources available,
7 particularly on Oahu; and

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9 WHEREAS, the continually increasing cost of inter-island
10 airfare has made travel between the islands even more difficult
11 and cost prohibitive; and

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13 WHEREAS, although the planned Hawaii Superferry to provide
14 an inter-island ferry service between the islands at affordable
15 rates may bring some relief, it is also important for the State
16 to ensure adequate accommodations for residents who travel
17 inter-island; and

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19 WHEREAS, one type of affordable accommodation that has
20 widespread appeal in the State is camping; and

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22 WHEREAS, if campsites are available, especially at or near
23 inter-island ferry ports, more residents would be willing to
24 travel and explore the islands; and

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26 WHEREAS, in order to ensure that both publicly and
27 privately funded campsites can be developed, particularly in
28 conjunction with the inter-island ferry, in an efficient manner,
29 camping and campsites with parking should be allowed within
30 agricultural districts; now, therefore,

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H.C.R. NO. 101

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 4 Agriculture is requested to study the feasibility of allowing
 5 camping within state agricultural districts and, if feasible, to
 6 specify under what conditions camping should be allowed; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
 9 is requested not to include bed and breakfast establishments and
 10 trailer camps in the definition of "camping" for purposes of its
 11 study; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Agriculture
 14 is requested to consult with the Department of Land and Natural
 15 Resources as needed to and report its findings and
 16 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 17 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 18 the Regular Session of 2007; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board
 22 of Agriculture and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and
 23 Natural Resources.
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