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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN VARIOUS KAILUA WATERWAYS, INCLUDING THE KAELEPULU POND, AND THE WATER QUALITY AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF KAILUA BEACH AND KAILUA BAY.

1 WHEREAS, the Kaelepulu pond in the community of Enchanted  
2 Lake on the windward side of Oahu is a natural estuary that was  
3 formerly part of a native Hawaiian fishpond; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Kaelepulu pond is on the state Department of  
6 Health's list of impaired waters; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the Kaelepulu pond and Kailua canals receive  
9 runoff from storm drains and sediments as part of the federal  
10 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting  
11 program, but the runoff and sediments deposited into these  
12 bodies of water have contributed to significant shallowing of  
13 the waters; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Kaelepulu pond supports abundant marine fish  
16 populations and provides a breeding habitat for at least three  
17 species of endangered Hawaiian waterfowl; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the Kaelepulu stream is joined by the water  
20 remnant of Kawainui stream, which no longer drains Kawainui  
21 marsh due to the construction of flood control dikes, and is  
22 therefore a dead-end stream with low water quality; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Kaelepulu stream, which empties Kaelepulu pond  
25 and Kawainui stream, enters the state waters of Kailua bay  
26 across a state beach and through a popular City and County of  
27 Honolulu beach park; and  
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29 WHEREAS, there have been a number of studies funded by  
30 county, state, and federal governments and a private source



1 relating to water quality, hydrology, and natural resources of  
2 these systems; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
6 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
7 Natural Resources and the Department of Health are requested to  
8 submit a joint report to the Legislature summarizing information  
9 from previous reports and studies to reach an understanding of  
10 the:

- 11 (1) Probable impact of the Kaelepulu pond estuary on the  
12 water quality and natural resources of Kailua bay, as  
13 well as the potential health risks to beachgoers;  
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- 15 (2) Probable causes of decreased water quality in the  
16 estuary system;  
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- 18 (3) Information gaps that need to be addressed to clarify  
19 existing problems and potential solutions;  
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- 21 (4) Reasonable approaches that could be investigated to  
22 improve the water quality and natural resources of the  
23 estuary system and its impact on state beaches and  
24 waters in Kailua bay; and  
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- 26 (5) Potential solutions that could be implemented, with  
27 consideration for the mixed ownership and control of  
28 various portions of this integrated estuary and ocean  
29 system by the state, county, and federal governments  
30 and private entities; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
34 Natural Resources and the Department of Health are requested to  
35 submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later  
36 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
37 of 2007; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
3 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the  
4 Director of Health.  
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