
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
COUNTIES TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF ALL STREAMS AND DRAINAGE
CHANNELS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, recent heavy rains have caused millions of dollars
2 in damage to private and public property throughout the state;
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5 WHEREAS, rain storms over the past six years have also
6 caused millions of dollars in damage to private and public
7 property; and

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9 WHEREAS, much of the damage caused by these rain storms
10 have been concentrated around streams and drainage channels,
11 many of which are privately owned; and

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13 WHEREAS, during the aftermath of these rain storms, private
14 owners and governmental agencies have been reluctant to take
15 responsibility for the cleanup and restoration of these streams
16 and drainage channels; and

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18 WHEREAS, because streams and drainage channels throughout
19 the state have not been maintained, they have become a public
20 health and safety issue during and after these rain storms; now,
21 therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Land and
26 Natural Resources (BLNR) and the counties are requested to
27 conduct a study of all streams and drainage channels in the
28 State of Hawaii; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the
31 study include but not limited to the following issues:



- 1 (1) A determination of ownership of all streams and
2 drainage channels statewide;
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- 4 (2) An assessment of the damage to private and public
5 property caused by the overflow of these streams and
6 drainage channels;
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- 8 (3) Creation of strategic plans to address the maintenance
9 of public and privately owned streams and drainage
10 channels;
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- 12 (4) Creation of action plans to address the cleanup and
13 restoration of these public and privately owned
14 streams and drainage channels in the aftermath of a
15 storm; and
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- 17 (5) A recommendation as to whether all privately owned
18 streams and drainage channels should be owned,
19 maintained, cleaned up, and restored by the State or
20 the counties in the aftermath of a rain storm;

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BLNR and the counties are
25 requested to submit their findings and recommendations to the
26 Legislature, including any necessary proposed legislation, no
27 later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
28 of 2007; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
32 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the
33 Mayor and Chairperson of the Council of each county.

