
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES 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 has
10 been concentrated around streams and drainage channels, many of
11 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, that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
26 Resources is requested to conduct a study of all streams and
27 drainage channels in the State of Hawaii; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the
30 study include, but not limited to, the following issues:
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- 32 (1) A determination of ownership of all streams and
33 drainage channels statewide;
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(2) An assessment of the damage to private and public property caused by the overflow of these streams and drainage channels;

(3) Creation of strategic plans to address the maintenance of public and privately owned streams and drainage channels;

(4) Creation of action plans to address the cleanup and restoration of these public and privately owned streams and drainage channels in the aftermath of a storm; and

(5) A recommendation as to whether all privately owned streams and drainage channels should be owned, maintained, cleaned up, and restored by the State or the counties in the aftermath of a rain storm; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit findings and recommendations to the Legislature, including any necessary proposed legislation, not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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

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