
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY TO ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING A PARK AT KEHENA BEACH, HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Puna District in the County of Hawaii has few
2 ocean recreational areas, primarily due to the inundation of
3 lava onto the county's few accessible beaches; and
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5 WHEREAS, the State's beaches and shoreline provide an
6 essential and unique attraction to potential and returning
7 visitors to Hawaii; and
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9 WHEREAS, Kehena Beach is one of the few black sand beaches
10 remaining along the Puna coastline after lava destroyed the
11 legendary Kalapana Beach at Kaimu and other similar beaches, and
12 thus serves as a popular beach site for residents and visitors
13 alike; and
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15 WHEREAS, Kehena Beach is a beautiful black sand beach that
16 is ideal for viewing dolphins and turtles that often frequent
17 the area, and viewing the humpbacks whales that rest there at
18 night during the winter months; and
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20 WHEREAS, Kehena Beach is situated on public lands
21 identified as Tax Map Key No. 1-2-009-021 on a part of the
22 King's Highway, and provides visitors with an opportunity to
23 enjoy the rich cultural and historical experience of the Puna
24 coast; and
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26 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
27 pursuant to section 184-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, may
28 designate parks and parkways and bring those public lands under
29 its control and management as part of the state park system;
30 now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
34 of 2006, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is



1 requested to assess the feasibility of developing a park at
2 Kehena Beach, Puna District, in conjunction with the County of
3 Hawaii; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
6 Natural Resources is requested to work with the community to
7 solicit and receive input regarding the concerns or improvement
8 preferences of members of the community; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
11 Natural Resources is requested to report its findings and
12 recommendations, including any necessary proposed legislation,
13 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
14 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
18 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Mayor and
19 members of the Hawaii County Council.
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OFFERED BY: *Tyler Hale*

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