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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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 Senate of the Twenty-third  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
25 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairperson of the  
26 Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to conduct a  
27 study of all streams and drainage channels in the State of  
28 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:  
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- 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; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
 23 Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit findings and  
 24 recommendations to the Legislature, including any necessary  
 25 proposed legislation, not later than twenty days prior to the  
 26 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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

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