
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS TO SEEK AN EXCEPTION TO HOMELAND SECURITY POLICIES THAT BAR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES ON HAWAII'S WATERFRONT SO THAT SPECIFIC PIERS MAY BE USED BY THE PUBLIC TO DECORATE FLOATS FOR THE KING KAMEHAMEHA CELEBRATION, PRINCE KUHIO COMMEMORATIVE CELEBRATION, AND THE ALOHA WEEK FESTIVALS.

1 WHEREAS, annual parades are an integral part of the Prince
2 Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole commemorative celebration, the King
3 Kamehameha celebration, and the Aloha Week festivals; and
4

5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority has recognized the
6 cultural and economic significance of these events; and
7

8 WHEREAS, floral, decorated floats have been a historic
9 Hawaii tradition since the inception of the parades that are
10 held during the celebrations; and
11

12 WHEREAS, non-commercial floats use donated materials from
13 the community and are created by community volunteers; and
14

15 WHEREAS, businesses located on Hawaii's waterfront have
16 graciously supported this community-based activity by allowing
17 the use of their hangars; and
18

19 WHEREAS, space located on Honolulu waterfront piers have
20 been used to decorate floats for more than fifty years; and
21

22 WHEREAS, recently the construction and decoration of floats
23 for these parades, particularly the Prince Jonah Kuhio
24 Kalaniana'ole and the King Kamehameha parades, were seriously
25 impeded by the closure of piers at Honolulu harbor due to
26 homeland security policies; and
27

28 WHEREAS, more than ten float entries for the 2005 King
29 Kamehameha parade were withdrawn because of the lack of space at



S.C.R. NO. 21

1 a reasonable cost that is within a reasonable distance of the
2 parade start location; and

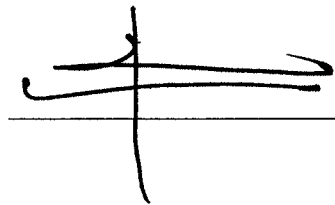
3
4 WHEREAS, cost estimates indicate that adequate space to
5 decorate floats is available at \$2,000 or more per day; and
6

7 WHEREAS, homeland security policies should consider the
8 tradition and culture of Hawaii's activities surrounding these
9 significant commemorative events whenever possible; now,
10 therefore,
11

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that federal, state, and
15 county officials are urged to support an exception to homeland
16 security policies that bar certain activities on Hawaii's
17 waterfront so that specific piers may be used by the public to
18 decorate floral floats for these commemorative parades, as has
19 been done for over fifty years; and
20

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional
23 delegation, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Chairperson
24 of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the
25 Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Mayor of the City and County of
26 Honolulu, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
27 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and the Chairpersons of the
28 Kamehameha Day Celebration Commission and the Aloha Week
29 Festivals Commission.
30
31
32

OFFERED BY:


A handwritten signature in black ink is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and appears to be a name with a long horizontal stroke and a vertical stroke intersecting it.