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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
DEDICATE A BERTHING AREA IN EACH COUNTY WHERE NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATIONS CAN MOOR THEIR VOYAGING CANOES.

1           WHEREAS, chapter 200-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, gives the  
2 Department of Land and Natural Resources the responsibility to  
3 administer the ocean recreation and coastal area programs; and  
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5           WHEREAS, voyaging canoes, which are designed, built, and  
6 operated in the traditional manner of Pacific Islanders, play an  
7 important role in preserving, perpetuating, and practicing  
8 traditional Hawaiian culture; and  
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10           WHEREAS, because voyaging canoes are used as a platform for  
11 education and language preservation and revitalization, they are  
12 dynamic models of Hawaiian culture at work; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the primary mission of private, non-profit  
15 organizations or public educational institutions that own and  
16 operate voyaging canoes is to perpetuate the oceanic voyaging  
17 traditions, culture, and history of the indigenous peoples of  
18 the Pacific Islands; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the non-profit organizations and the public  
21 educational institutions that promote the traditions of the  
22 Hawaiian culture with the voyaging canoes are charged mooring  
23 fees by the Division of Boating and Recreation; and  
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25           WHEREAS, non-profit sailing schools that anchor in Hawaii  
26 are not charged any mooring fees; and  
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28           WHEREAS, it is incongruous that sailing schools are not  
29 charged fees while the non-profit organizations and the public  
30 educational institutions that promote the traditions of the  
31 Hawaiian culture with the voyaging canoes do not have a berthing



1 place to moor their voyaging canoes or are charged to do so when  
2 a temporary space is made available; and now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
7 and Natural Resources work with the Department of Transportation  
8 to dedicate a berthing area in each county where non-profit  
9 educational organizations which own or operate a voyaging canoe  
10 can moor and berth their voyaging canoes at no cost, no later  
11 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
12 of 2007; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
16 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Director of  
17 Transportation.  
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