
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
DEDICATE BERTHING AREAS 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 berthing areas 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.

