
SENATE 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

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

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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

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

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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

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

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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

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28 WHEREAS, more than ten float entries for the 2005 King
29 Kamehameha parade were withdrawn because of the lack of space at
30 a reasonable cost that is within a reasonable distance of the
31 parade start location; and



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2 WHEREAS, cost estimates indicate that adequate space to
3 decorate floats is available at \$2,000 or more per day; and
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5 WHEREAS, homeland security policies should consider the
6 tradition and culture of Hawaii's activities surrounding these
7 significant commemorative events whenever possible; now,
8 therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006 that
12 federal, state, and county officials are urged to support an
13 exception to homeland security policies that bar certain
14 activities on Hawaii's waterfront so that specific piers may be
15 used by the public to decorate floral floats for these
16 commemorative parades, as has been done for over fifty years;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional delegation,
21 the Governor of the State of Hawaii, the Chairperson of the
22 Board of Directors and the Executive Director of the Hawaii
23 Tourism Authority, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
24 the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Association of
25 Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and the Chairpersons of the Kamehameha Day
26 Celebration Commission and the Aloha Week Festivals Commission.
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OFFERED BY: _____

