
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS,
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY
AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS TO IMPLEMENT THE 2006 OCEAN
RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, section 205A-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, charges
2 the Coastal Zone Management Program of the Office of Planning to
3 periodically update the Ocean Resources Management Plan and
4 coordinate implementation of the plan; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning submitted the updated Ocean
7 Resources Management Plan to the Legislature in December 2006;
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10 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning undertook extensive public
11 outreach and agency coordination to update the Ocean Resources
12 Management Plan; and
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14 WHEREAS, the revised Ocean Resources Management Plan
15 distinguishes itself from previous efforts in that it:
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- 17 (1) Adopts an integrated approach rather than a sector-
18 based perspective;
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20 (2) Promotes an adaptive, learning approach with projects
21 and phased implementation, coupled with opportunities
22 to share experiences and lessons learned;
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24 (3) Relies on community and private sector initiatives as
25 well as government actions; and
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27 (4) Identifies responsibilities and a schedule for plan
28 implementation that emphasizes interagency
29 collaboration and public-private sector partnerships;
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2 WHEREAS, throughout 2004 and 2005 the Office of Planning
3 sought input from the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council, Marine
4 and Coastal Zone Advisory Council, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
5 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, various community groups,
6 ocean users, environmental nonprofits, and members of the
7 general public and held a workshop regarding issues, priorities,
8 and recommendation that should be included in the updated Ocean
9 Resources Management Plan; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council held monthly
12 meetings between May and October 2005 and produced long-term
13 goals and prioritized tiers of short- to mid-term goals; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs held "Community
16 Conversations" on each island to allow the Hawaiian community to
17 share their concerns and knowledge about ocean and coastal
18 issues for inclusion into the Ocean Resources Management Plan;
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21 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs gave
22 approximately seventeen informational presentations to various
23 public and private agencies on the ahupua'a concept, the need
24 for ecosystem management, the negative impacts of overlapping
25 jurisdictions, and need for public involvement in the planning
26 process; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning held meetings with a
29 variety of ocean and coastal organizations regarding the Ocean
30 Resources Management Plan; and

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32 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2005, the Office of Planning
33 conducted the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan workshop in
34 partnership with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Department
35 of Land and Natural Resources to bring together a wide base of
36 stakeholders from governmental agencies, nonprofit
37 organizations, community groups, small and large businesses, and
38 community members; and

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40 WHEREAS, these meetings and workshops resulted in genuine
41 appreciation on the part of these organizations for being
42 included in the planning process and generated wide public
43 support and interest in seeing the Ocean Resources Management
44 Plan implemented; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan implementation
3 working group was created, consisting of the Department of
4 Agriculture, Department of Business, Economic Development, and
5 Tourism, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Land and
6 Natural Resources, Department of Health, Department of
7 Transportation, the four county planning agencies, and private
8 business representatives, and met to discuss the framework,
9 identify priorities, and review drafts of the plan; and

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11 WHEREAS, in September and October 2006, the Office of
12 Planning held a series of public meetings throughout the State
13 to gather input and comments on the final draft of the Ocean
14 Resources Management Plan; and

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16 WHEREAS, the draft was generally well received by the
17 public; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan is built upon
20 a three perspective framework for achieving management goals and
21 strategic actions for five-year implementation phases over the
22 next thirty years:

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24 (1) Perspective 1: Connecting Land and Sea which reflects
25 the traditional Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a
26 management that recognizes the interconnectedness of
27 land and sea;

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29 (2) Perspective 2: Preserving Our Ocean Heritage which
30 reflects the traditional Hawaiian management of
31 fisheries and coastal resources as well as a deep
32 understanding of and caring for the marine
33 environment; and

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35 (3) Perspective 3: Promoting Collaboration and
36 Stewardship which reflects the need for a holistic
37 approach to natural resource management; and

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39 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan provides a
40 guide and integrated approach toward the management of our ocean
41 and coastal resources; and

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43 WHEREAS, the need to implement the Ocean Resources
44 Management Plan is imperative as Hawaii is facing significant



1 changes over the next twenty years, including increased
2 urbanization, tourism, recreational and commercial ocean uses,
3 sea level rise and other natural hazards, marine debris, and
4 invasive species; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan establishes a
7 proactive planning process that can mitigate the above impacts
8 on Hawaii's environment; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
13 hereby endorses the Ocean Resources Management Plan because it
14 establishes a framework for making informed decisions about the
15 use and management of our ocean and coastal resources that is
16 widely supported by the public; and
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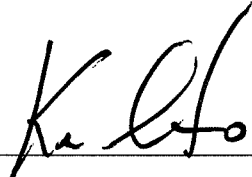
18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is
19 requested to work with the county and federal governments to
20 implement the goals and strategic actions in the 2006 Ocean
21 Resources Management Plan; and
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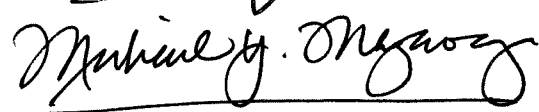
23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
25 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the
26 Director of the Office of Planning, the Comptroller, the
27 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, the Director of
28 Finance, the Adjutant General and the Director of Civil Defense,
29 the Chairperson of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of
30 Education, the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the
31 Director of Health, the Director of Labor and Industrial
32 Relations, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
33 Resources, the Director of Taxation, the Director of
34 Transportation, the President of the University of Hawaii, the
35 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
36 Affairs, the Chairperson of the Marine and Coastal Zone
37 Management Council, the Chairperson of the Hawaii Ocean and
38 Coastal Council, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric
39 Administration, the National Marine Sanctuary Program, the
40 National Marine Fisheries Service, the Pacific Services Center,



1 the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council, the United
2 States Fish and Wildlife Service, the President of the
3 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and the Mayor and Council
4 Chairperson of each county.
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