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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT  
RULES TO REGULATE THE USE OF PUBLIC BEACHES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's beaches consistently rank in opinion  
2 polls as some of the most beautiful and pristine public beaches  
3 in the world; and  
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5 WHEREAS, tourists from all over the world come to Hawaii to  
6 enjoy the sun and the surf of Hawaii's many public beaches; and  
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8 WHEREAS, all beaches in Hawaii are open to the public for  
9 both residents and tourists to share and enjoy; and  
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11 WHEREAS, recently, certain hotels have begun reserving  
12 public beach areas fronting their hotel for the exclusive use of  
13 their hotel patrons or using public beach space for storage or  
14 commercial purposes; and  
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16 WHEREAS, these practices appears to be contrary to public  
17 policy that reserves public beaches for the use of the general  
18 public; and  
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20 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 171-3, Hawaii Revised  
21 Statutes, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is  
22 responsible for the management, administration, and control over  
23 public lands and coastal areas; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the general public, as well as private businesses  
26 would benefit from specific rules to guide the use of public  
27 beaches; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
31 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Land  
32 and Natural Resources is requested to adopt rules, pursuant to



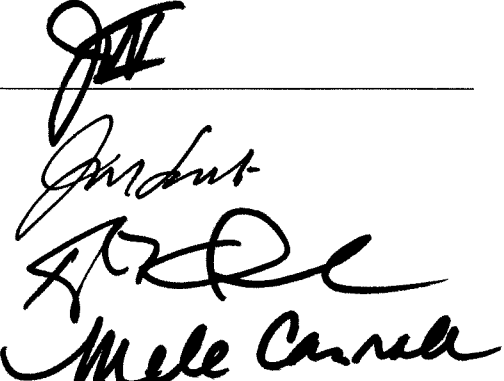
chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to regulate the use of public beaches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to consider adopting rules to determine:

- (1) The use of public beach lands by hotels, resorts, and other businesses, specific to equipment and other activities on beaches that limit use or access by the public;
- (2) A reasonable period of time that hotels, resorts, or other businesses may leave equipment on public beach lands; and
- (3) A structure or schedule of fees for any violation relating to the use of public beaches; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY:

  
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