
HOUSE 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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32 WHEREAS, throughout 2004 and 2005 the Office of Planning
33 sought input from the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council, Marine



1 and Coastal Zone Advisory Council, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
2 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, various community groups,
3 ocean users, environmental nonprofits, and members of the
4 general public and held a workshop regarding issues, priorities,
5 and recommendation that should be included in the updated Ocean
6 Resources Management Plan; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council held monthly
9 meetings between May and October 2005 and produced long-term
10 goals and prioritized tiers of short- to mid-term goals; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs held "Community
13 Conversations" on each island to allow the Hawaiian community to
14 share their concerns and knowledge about ocean and coastal
15 issues for inclusion into the Ocean Resources Management Plan;
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18 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs gave
19 approximately seventeen informational presentations to various
20 public and private agencies on the ahupua'a concept, the need
21 for ecosystem management, the negative impacts of overlapping
22 jurisdictions, and need for public involvement in the planning
23 process; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning held meetings with a
26 variety of ocean and coastal organizations regarding the Ocean
27 Resources Management Plan; and
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29 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2005, the Office of Planning
30 conducted the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan workshop in
31 partnership with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and Department
32 of Land and Natural Resources to bring together a wide base of
33 stakeholders from governmental agencies, nonprofit
34 organizations, community groups, small and large businesses, and
35 community members; and
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37 WHEREAS, these meetings and workshops resulted in genuine
38 appreciation on the part of these organizations for being
39 included in the planning process and generated wide public
40 support and interest in seeing the Ocean Resources Management
41 Plan implemented; and
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43 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan implementation
44 working group was created, consisting of the Department of



1 Agriculture, Department of Business, Economic Development, and
2 Tourism, Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Department of Land and
3 Natural Resources, Department of Health, Department of
4 Transportation, the four county planning agencies, and private
5 business representatives, and met to discuss the framework,
6 identify priorities, and review drafts of the plan; and
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8 WHEREAS, in September and October 2006, the Office of
9 Planning held a series of public meetings throughout the State
10 to gather input and comments on the final draft of the Ocean
11 Resources Management Plan; and
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13 WHEREAS, the draft was generally well received by the
14 public; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan is built upon
17 a three perspective framework for achieving management goals and
18 strategic actions for five-year implementation phases over the
19 next thirty years:
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21 (1) Perspective 1: Connecting Land and Sea which reflects
22 the traditional Hawaiian concept of ahupua'a
23 management that recognizes the interconnectedness of
24 land and sea;
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26 (2) Perspective 2: Preserving Our Ocean Heritage which
27 reflects the traditional Hawaiian management of
28 fisheries and coastal resources as well as a deep
29 understanding of and caring for the marine
30 environment; and
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32 (3) Perspective 3: Promoting Collaboration and
33 Stewardship which reflects the need for a holistic
34 approach to natural resource management; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan provides a
37 guide and integrated approach toward the management of our ocean
38 and coastal resources; and
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40 WHEREAS, the need to implement the Ocean Resources
41 Management Plan is imperative as Hawaii is facing significant
42 changes over the next twenty years, including increased
43 urbanization, tourism, recreational and commercial ocean uses,



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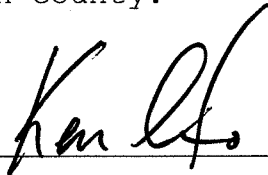
16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is
17 requested to work with the county and federal governments to
18 implement the goals and strategic actions in the 2006 Ocean
19 Resources Management Plan; and
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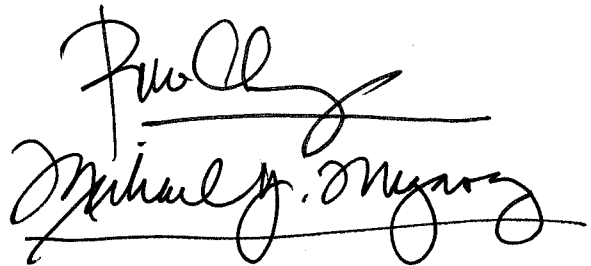
21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of
23 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Director of the
24 Office of Planning, the Comptroller, the Chairperson of the
25 Board of Agriculture, the Director of Finance, the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



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