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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THE
2006 OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN.

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



1 members of the general public, and held a workshop that focused
2 on the issues, priorities, and any recommendations that should
3 be included in the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council held monthly
6 meetings between May and October 2005, and produced long-term
7 goals and prioritized tiers of short- to mid-term goals; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs held a series of
10 meetings called "Community Conversations" on each island to
11 allow the Native Hawaiian community to share their concerns and
12 knowledge about ocean and coastal issues for inclusion into the
13 Ocean Resources Management Plan; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs gave
16 approximately seventeen informational presentations to various
17 public and private agencies on the ahupua'a concept, the need for
18 ecosystem management, the negative impacts of overlapping
19 jurisdictions, and the need for public involvement in the
20 planning process; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning held meetings with a
23 variety of ocean and coastal organizations regarding the Ocean
24 Resources Management Plan; and
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26 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2005, the Office of Planning
27 conducted the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan Workshop in
28 partnership with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the
29 Department of Land and Natural Resources to bring together a
30 wide base of stakeholders from government agencies, nonprofit
31 organizations, community groups, small and large businesses, and
32 community members; and
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34 WHEREAS, these meetings and workshops fostered a genuine
35 appreciation from all the organizations, agencies, and groups
36 for being included in the planning process and generated wide
37 public support and interest in seeing the updated Ocean
38 Resources Management Plan implemented; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan Implementation
41 Working Group was created and consisted of business
42 representatives, the Department of Agriculture, the Department
43 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Office of



1 Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
2 the Department of Health, the Department of Transportation, and
3 the four county planning agencies to meet and discuss the
4 framework, identify priorities, and review drafts of the Ocean
5 Resources Management Plan; and
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7 WHEREAS, in September and October 2006, the Office of
8 Planning held a series of public meetings throughout the State
9 to gather input and comments on the final draft of the Ocean
10 Resources Management Plan, and the draft was generally well
11 received by the public; and
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13 WHEREAS, the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan is
14 built upon a framework of three perspectives with the purpose of
15 achieving management goals and strategic actions in five-year
16 implementation phases over the next thirty years:
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- 18 (1) Perspective One: *Connecting Land and Sea*, which
19 reflects the traditional Native Hawaiian concept of
20 ahupua'a management and recognizes the
21 interconnectedness of the land and sea;
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- 23 (2) Perspective Two: *Preserving Our Ocean Heritage*, which
24 reflects the traditional Native Hawaiian management of
25 fisheries and coastal resources as well as a deep
26 understanding and care for the marine environment; and
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- 28 (3) Perspective Three: *Promoting Collaboration and*
29 *Stewardship*, which reflects the need for a holistic
30 approach to natural resource management; and
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32 WHEREAS, the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan
33 provides a guide and integrated approach toward the management
34 of Hawaii's ocean and coastal resources; and
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36 WHEREAS, the need to implement the updated Ocean Resources
37 Management Plan is imperative as the State faces significant
38 changes over the next twenty years, including increased
39 urbanization, tourism, recreational and commercial ocean uses,
40 sea level rise and other natural hazards, marine debris, and
41 invasive species; and
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1 WHEREAS, the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan
2 establishes a proactive planning process that can assist in
3 mitigating the significant impacts to Hawaii's environment; now,
4 therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
8 House of Representatives concurring, that federal, state, and
9 county agencies are requested to implement the goals and
10 strategic actions in the 2006 Ocean Resources Management Plan;
11 and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature endorses the
14 2006 Ocean Resources Management Plan because the Plan
15 establishes a framework for making informed decisions about the
16 use and management of the State's ocean and coastal resources
17 that are widely supported by the public; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the
21 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the
22 Comptroller; the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the
23 Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense; the Director of
24 Finance; the Superintendent of Education; the Chairperson of the
25 Hawaiian Homes Commission; the Director of Health; the Director
26 of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Chairperson of the Board
27 of Land and Natural Resources; the Director of Taxation; the
28 Director of Transportation; the President of the University of
29 Hawaii; the Director of the Office of Planning; the Chairperson
30 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the Mayor, City and County of
31 Honolulu; the Mayor, Hawaii County; the Mayor, Maui County; the
32 Mayor, Kauai County; the Chairperson of the Marine and Coastal
33 Advocacy Council; the Director of the United States Fish and
34 Wildlife Services; the Administrator of the National Oceanic and
35 Atmospheric Administration; Director of the National Marine
36 Sanctuary Program; Director of the National Oceanic and
37 Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service; the Director of
38 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Pacific
39 Services Center; the Chairperson of the Western Pacific Regional
40 Fishery Management Council; the Chairperson of the Hawaii Ocean



1 and Coastal Council; and the President of the Association of
2 Hawaiian Civic Clubs.
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