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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY OF THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE BEACH
CONCESSIONS AT WAIKIKI BEACH.

1 WHEREAS, traditionally the unique Native Hawaiian culture
2 and the aloha spirit have been nobly represented by Waikiki's
3 "beach boy" concession stands, which offer visitors the
4 opportunity to learn surfing and canoe paddling Hawaiian-style
5 and to experience the excitement of riding the ocean waves; and
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7 WHEREAS, the beach boy concessions at Waikiki have
8 contributed to the preservation of Hawaii's cultural heritage
9 and provided native Hawaiians and other kamaaina an opportunity
10 to profit economically and socially from the interaction of
11 their native culture and other cultures from around the world;
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14 WHEREAS, the once-peaceful terrain on which the beach boys
15 plied their trade has increasingly been shaken by reports or
16 accusations of cutthroat competition, violence, favoritism,
17 ineffective government regulation, violation of applicable
18 rules, and disregard of the rights and culture of native
19 Hawaiians; and
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21 WHEREAS, a study would be helpful in assisting the State,
22 City and County of Honolulu, native Hawaiian community, and
23 private tourism industry toward the peaceful, fair, and just
24 resolution of the tensions that surround the Waikiki beach
25 concessions; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislative
30 Reference Bureau is requested to conduct a study of the
31 regulation and control of the beach concessions at Waikiki, with



1 particular attention to those types of concessions that offer
2 surfing and canoe paddling; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is required to
5 include but not be limited to the following:
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- 7 (1) Identification of the roles and responsibilities of
8 the governmental, quasi-governmental, and private
9 entities that regulate, control, and shape the system
10 of Waikiki beach concessions;
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12 (2) Identification of the most pressing issues, problems,
13 and conflicts surrounding the Waikiki beach
14 concessions; and
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16 (3) Identification and analysis of possible solutions to
17 the problems through legislation or other approaches;
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
21 Bureau is requested to submit, not later than twenty days prior
22 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008, its findings
23 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, for
24 helping to resolve the problems that surround the Waikiki beach
25 concessions; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
29 Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau, Chairperson of the
30 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chairperson
31 of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Mayor of the
32 City and County of Honolulu, and Chair of the Honolulu City
33 Council.
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OFFERED BY:


By Request

