
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE WAIKIKI MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT AND ITS IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDING AREAS INCLUDE PROJECTS TO MANAGE OR ENHANCE FISHERIES FOR LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE RESOURCES, PROTECT AND RESTORE THE AQUATIC ENVIRONMENT, PROTECTING NATIVE AND RESIDENT AQUATIC SPECIES AND THEIR HABITAT.

1 WHEREAS, the exact boundaries of the Waikiki Marine Life
2 Conservation District are set forth in Hawaii Administrative
3 Rules Title 13, Chapter 36, section 1; and
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5 WHEREAS, a reef flat extends out from the Waikiki Aquarium
6 seawall, a distance of about 35 yards to a dredged channel, then
7 continues on the other side of the channel where numerous
8 arches, crevices and other features are found, along with an
9 abundance of fish; and
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11 WHEREAS, coral reefs, and their associated systems of
12 mangroves and seagrasses, are the world's most biologically
13 diverse marine ecosystems where reef building corals contain
14 tiny cells of symbiotic algae that convert
15 sunlight and nutrients into fuel for coral growth and
16 production; and
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18 WHEREAS, healthy coral reefs are some of the most
19 biologically diverse and economically valuable ecosystems on
20 earth, providing food, jobs, recreational opportunities, coastal
21 protection and other important services to billions of people
22 world-wide; and
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24 WHEREAS, coral reefs provide habitat for one-third of all
25 marine fish species, build tropical islands, protect coasts from
26 waves and storms, contain an array of potential pharmaceuticals,
27 and support tourism and fishing industries worth billions of
28 dollars; and



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2 WHEREAS, coral reefs are also fundamental to the fabric of
3 local communities, providing a source of food, materials and
4 traditional activities; and
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6 WHEREAS, most fish in this area are found along the
7 channel's shoreline side, which has a number of small caves, and
8 near the exposed parts of the reef on the channel's seaward
9 side; and
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11 WHEREAS, population increases, shoreline development, land-
12 based sources of pollution, increased sediments in the water,
13 damage by tourists and divers, poor water quality from runoff
14 and sewage treatment, over-fishing, and increased stress from
15 global warming and natural factors such as hurricanes and
16 disease add to the degrading
17 reefs; and
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19 WHEREAS, Waikiki's Marine Life Conservation District is
20 designed to protect nearshore habitats and fish populations
21 within them; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Division of Aquatic Resources purpose is to
24 manage, conserve and restore the state's unique aquatic
25 resources and ecosystems for present and future generations; and
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27 WHEREAS, 2008 is the year of the International Year of the
28 Coral Reef; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Waikiki Marine
33 Life Conservation District and its immediately surrounding areas
34 include projects to manage or enhance fisheries for long-term
35 sustainability of the resources, protect and restore the aquatic
36 environment, while protecting native and resident aquatic
37 species and their habitat; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
41 Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the
42 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the members of the
43 Honolulu City Council.
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