
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP TO DEVELOP A BOAT MARINA NEAR KEEHI LAGOON.

1 WHEREAS, small boat harbors, as centers of economic and
2 recreational activity, constitute significant assets of the
3 State, and their proper maintenance and operation allow Hawaii
4 residents to benefit from the State's natural resources by
5 engaging in recreational boating, commercial and personal
6 fishing, and small business operations; and
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8 WHEREAS, in addition, visitors and residents alike use
9 small boat harbors and launch ramps to participate in local,
10 regional, and international yacht races, fishing tournaments,
11 canoe regattas, surfing, and other water sports contests; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 1992, the Legislature transferred the operation
14 of small boat harbors and boat ramps from the Department of
15 Transportation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
16 reasoning that all recreational programs of the State should be
17 administered by one department and that the needs of the boating
18 community would be better served by the Department of Land and
19 Natural Resources; and
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21 WHEREAS, according to the Audit of the Management of Small
22 Boat Harbors and Boat Ramps, conducted by the Auditor in 1998,
23 the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Boating
24 and Ocean Recreation administers twenty-one small boat harbors;
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27 WHEREAS, of particular interest and importance on Oahu is
28 Keehi Harbor and Lagoon, which holds the promise of becoming the
29 preeminent marina of the Pacific; and
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31 WHEREAS, its potential has been studied and well
32 documented, including a study by Edward K. Noda and Associates
33 and Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP in 1987, which recommended a plan
34 for Keehi Harbor and Lagoon that benefits both ocean recreation



1 and commercial development and that provides extensive
2 opportunities for the greatest variety of ocean recreation
3 facilities in any single location in the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation's Commercial
6 Harbors 2020 Master Plan also cited the importance of Keehi
7 Harbor and Lagoon; and

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9 WHEREAS, Keehi Harbor and Lagoon is located on the south
10 coast of Oahu, approximately five miles from Waikiki Beach, with
11 three hundred eighty-nine berths, and amenities including a boat
12 ramp and fish hoist, vessel washdown, a harbor office,
13 restrooms, and showers; and

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15 WHEREAS, Keehi Lagoon also has two hundred and two moorings
16 and dingy docks; and

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18 WHEREAS, Keehi Harbor and Lagoon will need additional
19 financial and other resources if further development is to
20 occur; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2008, that the Department of Land and Natural
25 Resources, with the assistance of the Department of
26 Transportation, is requested to study the feasibility of a
27 private-public partnership to develop a boat marina near Keehi
28 Lagoon, with a portion of the revenue from any such facility to
29 be reserved for improvements of the small boat harbor at Keehi
30 Lagoon, and a portion reserved for deposit in the Boating
31 Special Fund, under section 248-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, for
32 improvements to small boat harbors throughout the State; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
35 consult with the Keehi Boat Club and any other interested
36 parties as deemed appropriate; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
39 report on the findings and recommendations no later than twenty
40 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of



1 Land and Natural Resources, the Director of Transportation, and
2 the Keehi Boat Club.

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