
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES IN COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP OF STAKEHOLDERS TO CONDUCT A STUDY AS TO THE FEASIBILITY OF PROVIDING A PERMANENT PORT AND DOCK FACILITY FOR THE VOYAGING CANOES HOKULE'A, MAKALI'I, HOKUALAKA'I, NANAHOE, AND MO'OKIHA AND TO RECOMMEND A LOCATION FOR SUCH A FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, section 200-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, gives the
2 Department of Land and Natural Resources the responsibility to
3 administer the ocean recreation and coastal area programs; and
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5 WHEREAS, voyaging canoes, which are designed, built, and
6 operated in the traditional manner of Pacific Islanders, play an
7 important role in preserving, perpetuating, and practicing
8 traditional Hawaiian culture; and
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10 WHEREAS, because voyaging canoes are used as a platform for
11 education and language preservation and revitalization, they are
12 dynamic models of Hawaiian culture at work; and
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14 WHEREAS, the primary mission of private, nonprofit
15 organizations or public educational institutions that own and
16 operate voyaging canoes is to perpetuate the oceanic voyaging
17 traditions, culture, and history of the indigenous peoples of
18 the Pacific Islands; and
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20 WHEREAS, the nonprofit organizations and the public
21 educational institutions that promote the traditions of the
22 Hawaiian culture with the voyaging canoes do not have a
23 permanent place to dock their voyaging canoes and are charged
24 mooring fees by the Department of Land and Natural Resources
25 Division of Boating and Recreation; and
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27 WHEREAS, a study should be conducted as to whether it would
28 be feasible to provide a permanent port and dock facility for
29 the voyaging canoes and to make a recommendation for the
30 location of a permanent port and dock facility; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
3 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested
4 to work with the Department of Transportation to establish a
5 working group of stakeholders to conduct a study of the
6 feasibility of providing a permanent port and dock facility for
7 the voyaging canoes Hokule'a, Makali'i, Hokualaka'i, Nanahoe, and
8 Mo'okiha and to recommend a location for a permanent port and
9 dock facility; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group of
12 stakeholders include representatives of the Department of Land
13 and Natural Resources, Department of Transportation, and the
14 Polynesian Voyaging Society; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
17 Natural Resources with the cooperation of the Department of
18 Transportation is requested to report to the Legislature,
19 including any relevant proposed legislation, no later than
20 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
21 2009; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
25 Land and Natural Resources, the Director of Transportation, and
26 the Polynesian Voyaging Society.

