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