
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES,
DIVISION OF CONSERVATION AND RESOURCES ENFORCEMENT, TO
PROVIDE LIMITED ENFORCEMENT SERVICES AT NIGHT ON A REGULAR
BASIS AND TO CONTINUE PROVIDING ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ON
WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS AT KANEOHE BAY.

1 WHEREAS, Kaneohe Bay, located on the windward coast of
2 Oahu, is enjoyed by many island residents and visitors alike as
3 an area for swimming, fishing, water skiing, sailing,
4 snorkeling, scuba diving, jet-skiing, and boating; and
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6 WHEREAS, on days of southerly winds and swells you can find
7 scores of boats being launched from Heeia Kea pier for a day of
8 fishing along the windward coast; and
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10 WHEREAS, on holidays and weekends you can also find scores
11 of boaters partying on Ahu o 'Laka enjoying the sun and the sea;
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14 WHEREAS, in the past, partying by boaters on Ahu o 'Laka has
15 resulted in confrontations between boaters due to intoxication,
16 causing serious injuries; and
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18 WHEREAS, the community has lodged numerous complaints with
19 the Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of
20 Conservation and Resources Enforcement (DOCARE), regarding the
21 fighting and excessive drinking on Ahu o 'Laka, and the abundance
22 of debris, including bottles, cans, and charcoal, left behind by
23 the boaters on Ahu o 'Laka; and
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25 WHEREAS, other incidents involving boaters, snorkelers,
26 scuba divers, and other users have also occurred at Kaneohe Bay
27 on other days of the week; and
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1 WHEREAS, at night, individuals are known to illegally take
2 marine life; and

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4 WHEREAS, it has been rumored that DOCARE is planning to
5 suspend the provision of enforcement services on weekends and
6 holidays as a cost-cutting measure; and

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8 WHEREAS, the enforcement services of DOCARE are necessary
9 at Kaneohe Bay despite the economic conditions, to ensure the
10 safety of bay users and proper enforcement of natural resource
11 laws and rules; now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that DOCARE, is requested to
16 provide limited enforcement services at night on a regular basis
17 and to continue providing enforcement services on weekends and
18 holidays at Kaneohe Bay; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOCARE is requested to adjust,
21 as necessary, the work schedules of its enforcement officers to
22 limit financial strain as much as possible, yet ensure the
23 provision of necessary enforcement services on weekends and
24 holidays, and at night on a limited basis; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and
28 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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