
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROTECT
HAWAII'S MARINE RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, one of Hawaii's greatest assets is its beautiful
2 shorelines and coral reefs; and
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4 WHEREAS, shorelines and healthy coral reefs must be
5 protected for citizens, tourists, and future generations to
6 enjoy as our natural heritage; and
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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's ocean access has been systematically cut
9 off by development; and
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11 WHEREAS, less than one percent of the shorelines of
12 Hawaii's main islands is presently protected as marine protected
13 no-take areas; and
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15 WHEREAS, shoreline areas that are protected have
16 significantly more fish and healthy coral reefs than unprotected
17 areas; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2009, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources
22 (DLNR) is urged to protect Hawaii's marine resources by
23 designating marine protected no-take areas--defined as areas in
24 which line fishing, spear gunning, net fishing, and collection
25 or any other form of taking from the area, are prohibited, with
26 consideration for traditional and customary native Hawaiian
27 practices--by:
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- 29 (1) Holding public hearings on each island to determine
30 which shorelines are the most worthy of protection;
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1 (2) Placing signs at access points to the shorelines
2 selected that declare the shoreline as a marine
3 protected no-take area, with a phone number to call if
4 a citizen sees a violator;

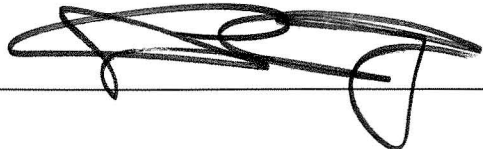
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is also urged to identify
9 and re-sort all existing beach access and parking, and that
10 considerations be made to expand parking and access requirements
11 for any new oceanfront developments in the state; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Land and Natural
15 Resources.

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OFFERED BY:



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