
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REVIEW ALL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COUNCILS, COMMITTEES, WORKING GROUPS, AND TASK FORCES TO DETERMINE WHICH OF THESE CAN BE ELIMINATED.

1 WHEREAS, numerous boards, commissions, councils,
2 committees, working groups, and task forces under the
3 jurisdiction of the various state departments are mandated by
4 state statutes, federal regulations, or the various departments,
5 all for a specific purpose; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
8 (DLNR) is responsible for managing 158 boards, commissions,
9 councils, committees, working groups and task forces, of which
10 65 are mandated by statute, 14 are mandated by federal
11 regulations, and 79 are mandated by DLNR; and

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13 WHEREAS, the staff of the various divisions of DLNR spends
14 countless hours preparing for meetings and attending meetings,
15 including flying to the neighbor islands; and

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17 WHEREAS, the staff of the various divisions responsible for
18 one-third of DLNR's boards, commissions, councils, committees,
19 working groups, and task forces with the lowest priorities
20 expends approximately 2,800 man-hours annually preparing for
21 meetings, attending meetings, and otherwise providing assistance
22 to these groups; and

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24 WHEREAS, some of the boards, commissions, councils,
25 committees, working groups, and task forces may have completed
26 the many tasks they were required to accomplish, while others
27 may not be functioning due to a lack of attendance by their
28 members; and

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1 WHEREAS, in this time of economic uncertainty DLNR is
2 eliminating programs and positions to cut costs; now, therefore,
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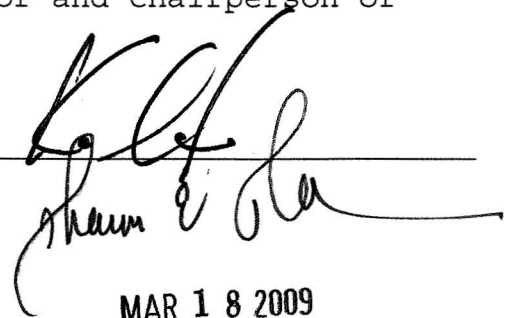
4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2009, that DLNR is requested to review the functionality and
7 effectiveness of all boards, commissions, councils, committees,
8 working groups and task forces under its purview; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR is requested to review the
11 possible elimination of boards, commissions, councils,
12 committees, working groups, and task forces that have completed
13 their tasks or become ineffective or dysfunctional; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR shall submit a report to
16 the Legislature no later than 20 days before the commencement of
17 the Regular Session of 2010 addressing the effectiveness of all
18 158 boards, commissions, councils, committees, working groups,
19 and task forces, and making recommendations on which boards,
20 commissions, councils, committees, working groups, and task
21 forces are to be eliminated; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Chairperson of
25 DLNR.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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