
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSIDER
PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WHEN ISSUING PERMITS FOR
COMMERCIAL WEDDING OR PHOTOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC
LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's beaches and sandy shorelines make the
2 perfect backdrop for commercial wedding ceremonies and
3 photographic activities, including photo shoots and video
4 productions; and
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6 WHEREAS, currently, commercial wedding ceremonies and
7 photographic activities are required to obtain a right-of-entry
8 permit by the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
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10 WHEREAS, there are no restrictions limiting the time in
11 which a person can reapply for a permit if a right-of-entry
12 permit is denied or revoked by the Department of Land and
13 Natural Resources; and
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15 WHEREAS, some remote beaches and shoreline areas under
16 state jurisdiction do not have legal facilities such as
17 bathrooms and parking facilities; and
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19 WHEREAS, many commercial weddings and photographic
20 activities on beaches and shoreline areas disturb and disrupt
21 the neighboring community due to traffic, parking, equipment
22 use, and the noise from people attending these functions; and
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24 WHEREAS, the surrounding community should be considered by
25 the Department of Land and Natural Resources when permitting
26 commercial weddings and photographic activities on public lands;
27 now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the
4 Department of Land and Natural Resources, prior to issuing a
5 right-of-entry permit for commercial wedding or photographic
6 activities, to consider:

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- 8 (1) Whether the permit site is equipped with legal
9 facilities for the specific type of commercial
10 activity;
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 - 12 (2) Whether the activity will affect the health and safety
13 of the neighboring community; and
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 - 15 (3) Requiring a person who has a right of entry permit
16 denied or revoked to wait at least six months prior to
17 obtaining a new permit; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
20 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report relating to
21 commercial wedding and photography permits issued by the
22 Department to the Legislature, no later than twenty days prior
23 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2011, which is
24 requested to include:

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- 26 (1) The number of commercial wedding and photographic
27 permits issued in the last two years;
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 - 29 (2) The number and type of complaints filed with the
30 Department of Land and Natural Resources, including
31 the geographic area regarding each complaint; and
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 - 33 (3) Whether any actions were taken by the Department of
34 Land and Natural Resources to address the complaints
35 and the results of those actions; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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