
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT WOULD REZONE MAUNALUA BAY AND
DEMARCATATE THE ZONES MORE VISIBLY TO IMPROVE SAFETY.

1 WHEREAS, Maunalua Bay is becoming an increasingly popular
2 area for watercraft recreation, sustenance gathering, and ocean
3 based commercial enterprises; and
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5 WHEREAS, currently in the State of Hawaii there are
6 approximately fifteen thousand registered vessels; and
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8 WHEREAS, of those registered vessels 1,330 are considered
9 thrill craft/personal water craft; and
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11 WHEREAS, with this increased unregulated activity comes
12 greater instances of conflicts between the various types of
13 users of the bay; and
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15 WHEREAS, these accidents can result in grave consequences
16 as seen in the tragic October death of 17 year old Keahihoku Lum
17 who was killed when a speedboat ran over him along with his buoy
18 and diving flag in Maunalua Bay; and
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20 WHEREAS, clearly demarcated zoning of Maunalua Bay would
21 provide increased overall safety for all users as well as
22 decrease verbal and physical conflict between those users; and
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24 WHEREAS, clearly identified zones for users such as divers,
25 personal water craft users, ocean based business operators,
26 swimmers and surfers would not only allow for increased safety
27 but also for increased enjoyment without having to fear
28 altercation or accident; and
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30 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
31 the appropriate agency to develop and oversee such zoning to



1 provide for the health and safety of users of Maunalua Bay; now,
2 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 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
7 Natural Resources is urged to adopt administrative rules
8 rezoning Maunalua Bay creating clearly demarcated zones for use;
9 and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of Hawaii and
13 Chairperson of the Department of Land and Natural Resources.

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