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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PUBLIC SERVICE PROGRAM FOR  
VOLUNTEERS TO PICK UP LITTER FROM HAWAII'S BEACHES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's beaches are famous for their crested  
2 turquoise waves crashing onto pristine, golden shores; and  
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4 WHEREAS, however, Hawaii is situated in the center of the  
5 north Pacific sub-tropical gyre, which is several ocean currents  
6 that rotate around the islands; and  
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8 WHEREAS, this natural phenomenon results in Hawaii being a  
9 natural magnet for thousands of tons of non-biodegradable  
10 rubbish from all over the ocean; and  
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12 WHEREAS, synthetic rubbish from both sides of the Pacific,  
13 southeast Asia and South America, is washed up on Hawaii's  
14 beaches daily; and  
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16 WHEREAS, clearing marine debris from the ocean and beaches  
17 is important not just for restoring the natural beauty of  
18 beaches, but also for saving marine life; and  
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20 WHEREAS, birds and animals mistake rubbish such as plastic  
21 bags, cigarette lighters, and other brightly colored plastic as  
22 food and may suffer from internal injury, intestinal blockage,  
23 and even starvation; and  
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25 WHEREAS, dolphins, whales, sea turtles, sharks, and seals  
26 get caught in fishing nets, lines, and other debris such as six-  
27 pack holders; and  
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29 WHEREAS, marine debris comes from land-based sources and  
30 water-based sources, and can last for years in the ocean before  
31 disintegrating; and  
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33 WHEREAS, local efforts to clean up Hawaii's beaches include  
34 the Beach Environmental Awareness Campaign Hawaii, which  
35 distributes pocket ashtrays to avoid cigarette butts on beaches



1 and teams with Aveda Lifestyle Salon & Spa at the Ala Moana  
2 Center to recycle bottle caps; and  
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4 WHEREAS, these efforts demonstrate the community's strong  
5 desire to clean up Hawaii's beaches, preserve their natural  
6 beauty, and protect the ocean and land environment for future  
7 generations; and  
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9 WHEREAS, statewide coordination of these efforts through a  
10 centralized program can provide the necessary support for  
11 community groups to clean every beach in Hawaii and control the  
12 litter and marine debris problem; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,  
16 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested  
17 to establish a public service program for volunteers to pick up  
18 litter on Hawaii's beaches; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
21 Natural Resources is requested to:  
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- 23 (1) Establish Malama o ke Kahakai, a public service  
24 program for volunteers to care for Hawaii's beaches by  
25 picking up litter and debris;  
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- 27 (2) Coordinate with community groups, churches, or  
28 businesses to adopt a beach by agreeing to pick up  
29 litter and debris in that area at least four times per  
30 year;  
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- 32 (3) Provide trash bags and safety information to  
33 volunteers;  
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- 35 (4) Remove filled trash bags from the beaches and remove  
36 heavy or hazardous items; and  
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- 38 (5) Erect a sign to recognize volunteer groups' cleaning  
39 efforts; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
42 Natural Resources is requested to provide a report on the  
43 progress of Malama o ke Kahakai to the Legislature no later than



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1 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session;  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Department of  
6 Land and Natural Resources.

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