
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A BAN OR SIZE
RESTRICTION ON TARPS AND CANOPIES ON PUBLIC BEACHES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's beaches are a source of recreation for
2 the general public and visitors to the state and should be
3 easily accessible for all to enjoy; and
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5 WHEREAS, however, beaches are sometimes cluttered with
6 tarps and other temporary canopies that pose obstructions to
7 other beach-goers and, in some cases, prevent easy access to
8 beaches; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu were
11 amended through Ordinance 10-4 to ban tents from being erected
12 during specified times in certain public parks, including
13 beaches; and
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15 WHEREAS, "tent" is defined under the ordinances as a
16 collapsible structure with more than one wall, which includes a
17 partition or divider; and
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19 WHEREAS, tarps and other canopies have continued to be a
20 blight on Hawaii's beaches and sometimes obstruct access to
21 beach-goers; and
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23 WHEREAS, these tarps and canopies appear to be permissible
24 because they do not fall within the definition of a tent because
25 there are no "walls"; and
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27 WHEREAS, while it is reasonable for beach-goers to protect
28 themselves from the elements, this need should be balanced with
29 the rights of others to access and enjoy the beach; now,
30 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Honolulu City Council
4 is requested to consider expanding the ban on tents on beaches
5 to include tarps and canopies, or to restrict the size of the
6 tarps and canopies allowed to be erected on public beaches; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to each member of the
10 Honolulu City Council.
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