
HOUSE 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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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
33 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
34 of 2012, that the Honolulu City Council is requested to consider
35 expanding the ban on tents on beaches to include tarps and



1 canopies, or to restrict the size of the tarps and canopies
2 allowed to be erected on public beaches; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to each member of the Honolulu City
6 Council.
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