
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO AMEND EXECUTIVE ORDER 13089 TO EXEMPT MAINTENANCE AND DREDGING ACTIVITIES AND REQUIREMENTS IN EXISTING SMALL BOAT AND COMMERCIAL HARBORS WITHIN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the geographic isolation of the State of Hawaii
2 results in its residents' crucial dependence on ocean surface
3 transportation for the importing of goods through the State's
4 commercial harbors; and

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6 WHEREAS, 80 percent of goods consumed in the State are
7 imported, and nearly 99 percent of those imported goods are
8 maintained, received, and processed through the commercial
9 harbor system; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State's commercial harbor system, and by
12 extension, ocean transportation, is the State's connection to
13 national and international economies, supporting every facet of
14 the State's local economy, including tourism, construction,
15 national defense, agriculture, and all other industries; and

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17 WHEREAS, one purpose of the Coral Reef Conservation Act of
18 2000, 16 U.S.C. Section 6401, et seq., is to preserve, sustain,
19 and restore the condition of coral reef ecosystems and to
20 facilitate funding of local coral conservation efforts; and

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22 WHEREAS, Executive Orders 13089, 13178, and 13196, issued
23 by the President of the United States set forth requirements for
24 the protection of coral reef ecosystems; and

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26 WHEREAS, Executive Order 13089 requires federal agencies
27 that take or authorize actions affecting United States coral
28 reef ecosystems to identify those actions, utilize programs and



