
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO ASSIST WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF
RULES TO ENSURE GREATER PROTECTION OF THE STATE'S OCEAN
RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, over time, recreational and subsistence
2 activities, including fishing, gathering, leisure tours, and
3 other related activities impacting the State's waters, have
4 intersected in a manner that warrants state review and oversight
5 of coastal areas; and
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7 WHEREAS, the tourism industry heavily impacts the State's
8 ocean resources, bringing in over one hundred thousand visitors
9 between 2010 and 2011 via cruise ships entering Hawaii's ports,
10 according to the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan; and
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12 WHEREAS, the commercialization of fisheries, the demanding
13 market of quality seafood products, and the shortage of self-
14 sustaining resources require a thorough and extensive review of
15 current ocean management practices; and
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17 WHEREAS, Hawaii's ocean resources are important to the
18 sustainability and livelihood of Hawaii's people and a symbolic
19 expression of Hawaii's rich culture; and
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21 WHEREAS, the State has recognized the importance of the use
22 of shoreline areas for the benefit of the people of Hawaii as
23 well as for Native Hawaiian traditional and customary gathering
24 practices; and
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26 WHEREAS, proper procedures and regulations are needed to
27 ensure that the State's ocean resources are protected from
28 destruction and diminishment; and
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1 WHEREAS, the growth of population and infrastructure
2 development has had a profound impact on Hawaii's coastal
3 waters, thereby requiring appropriate regulations for the
4 development of sustainable resources, renewable energy, and
5 technological advances that have changed the way Hawaii's ocean
6 resources are protected and preserved; and
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8 WHEREAS, the State's limited resources are highly valued by
9 residents and visitors alike and therefore efforts must be made
10 to delineate appropriate regulations and guidelines to address
11 the various issues and concerns regarding the State's coastal
12 areas and nearshore waters; and
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14 WHEREAS, a task force consisting of representatives of the
15 State and various stakeholders is needed to engage in meaningful
16 discourse to establish and implement administrative rules and
17 guidelines to facilitate a fair and informed update of current
18 ocean management practices and procedures; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Chairperson of
23 the Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to
24 establish a task force to assist the Department of Land and
25 Natural Resources in developing rules to ensure greater
26 protection of the State's ocean resources; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
29 Land and Natural Resources is requested to include on the task
30 force:

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- 32 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor;
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 - 34 (2) Two members appointed by the President of the Senate;
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 - 36 (3) Two members appointed by the Speaker of the House of
37 Representatives; and
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 - 39 (4) One member to be selected by the members appointed
40 pursuant to paragraphs (1), (2), and (3), from a list
41 of three candidates provided by the Office of Hawaiian
42 Affairs; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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- 3 (1) Consult with persons who have expertise in host
4 culture konohiki practices;
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- 6 (2) Examine empirical and scientific data compiled by
7 credible academic and scientific resources; and
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- 9 (3) Conduct public outreach meetings on each island of the
10 State, in consultation with the Chairperson of the Ahu
11 Moku Advisory Committee, to assist the Department of
12 Land and Natural Resources in developing rules to
13 ensure greater protection of the State's ocean
14 resources; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
17 Natural Resources is requested to provide administrative,
18 professional, technical, and clerical support to the task force;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
22 report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
23 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
24 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
27 Natural Resources is requested to refrain from implementing any
28 rules relating to fishing, gathering, or ocean resources within
29 the coastal areas and nearshore waters of the island of Niihau
30 prior to the task force's submittal of its report; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
34 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Governor of the State
35 of Hawaii, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of
36 Hawaiian Affairs.
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