
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT
RULES TO MANAGE MANTA RAY DIVE SITES.

1 WHEREAS, the manta ray night dive is a popular activity in
2 West Hawaii, and visitors visit Hawaii Island for the purpose of
3 participating in this activity; and

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5 WHEREAS, these dives occur at specific locations where
6 manta rays are known to frequent; and

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8 WHEREAS, the popularity of this activity has grown over the
9 years and now there are many boats present at these sites at the
10 same time creating a dangerous situation; and

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12 WHEREAS, if an accident occurred, it would be not only
13 tragic, but harmful to the diving industry, and a potential
14 liability to the State; and

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16 WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of workers, visitors, and
17 manta rays, and ensuring a good visitor experience is in the
18 best interests of all; 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, that the Department of Land and Natural
23 Resources is urged to adopt rules to better manage specific
24 manta ray dive sites to ensure that safety and order is
25 maintained; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Land and Natural Resources.
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