
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, kayaks, stand up paddle
10 boards, swimmers, divers, snorkelers, and other recreational and
11 commercial users present at these sites at the same time
12 creating a potentially dangerous situation; and
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14 WHEREAS, if an accident occurred, it would be not only
15 tragic, but harmful to the diving industry, and a potential
16 liability to the State; and
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18 WHEREAS, ensuring the safety of workers, visitors, and
19 manta rays, and ensuring a good visitor experience is in the
20 best interest of all; now, therefore,
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2014, that the Department of Land and Natural
25 Resources is urged to adopt rules to better manage specific
26 manta ray dive sites to ensure that safety and order is
27 maintained; and



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.

