
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE
HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO ESTABLISH AN AGREEMENT
AUTHORIZING POLICE OFFICERS TO ENGAGE IN ROUTINE
ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES ON STATE BEACHES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has
2 jurisdiction over many beaches on the island of Oahu, including
3 various beaches in Kailua, Waimanalo, Hawaii Kai, Kahala, Ala
4 Moana, Ewa, Waianae, and the North Shore; and
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6 WHEREAS, its Division of Conservation and Resources
7 Enforcement generally has the authority and responsibility for
8 enforcing laws on state beaches; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department responds to
11 emergencies and serious crimes in progress on state beaches but
12 does not generally patrol those beaches or enforce laws and
13 regulations there in non-emergency situations; and
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15 WHEREAS, there sometimes exists a lack of clarity regarding
16 the duties and jurisdiction of each law enforcement entity; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Division of Conservation and Resources
19 Enforcement lacks the resources to routinely and adequately
20 enforce laws at all state beaches on Oahu; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department often is
23 responsible for enforcing laws in city parks and other areas
24 near or adjacent to state beaches on Oahu; and
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26 WHEREAS, each law enforcement entity would benefit from an
27 agreement establishing clear policies regarding jurisdiction and
28 enforcement authorities and duties on state beaches; and
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1 WHEREAS, authorizing the Honolulu Police Department to
 2 engage in routine enforcement activities on state beaches would
 3 enhance public safety; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 6 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 7 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 8 Land and Natural Resources and the Honolulu Police Department
 9 are urged to establish an agreement clarifying their respective
 10 authorities and duties and authorizing Honolulu police officers
 11 to engage in routine enforcement activities on state beaches on
 12 Oahu; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 16 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the
 17 Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of the City and County
 18 of Honolulu, and the Chief of the Honolulu Police Department.
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