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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
PREPARE AN UPDATE TO THE 2009 WAIANAE BASELINE  
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AND COMPLETE ADDITIONAL STUDIES AND  
MONITORING RECOMMENDED IN THE 2009 STUDY.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature in Act 6, Session Laws of Hawaii,  
2 First Special Session 2005, authorized a baseline environmental  
3 study of the Waianae Coast ocean area; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Waianae Baseline Environmental Study was  
6 prepared for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'  
7 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Waianae Baseline Environmental Study requires  
10 an update plus additional studies and monitoring; now,  
11 therefore,  
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13           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
15 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
16 Land and Natural Resources prepare an update to the Waianae  
17 Baseline Environmental Study to include the following:  
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- 19           (1) Any and all updates, but at a minimum, an update on  
20 the ocean uses off the Waianae Coast;  
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- 22           (2) A review, assessment, and evaluation of the Hawaiian  
23 Islands Dolphin SMART program;  
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- 25           (3) The results of research studies on, and monitoring of,  
26 the impacts of ocean use activities on marine mammals,  
27 especially spinner dolphins and the endangered  
28 Hawaiian monk seal, along the Waianae Coast to  
29 estimate disturbance levels and the number of



commercial tour operators that would minimize disturbance to the spinner dolphin, endangered Hawaiian monk seal, and other marine mammals;

- (4) Rigorous analyses of long-term catch data to better characterize akule and 'opelu fisheries, specifically using smaller reporting grids to decipher changes in the fisheries and fishery-independent studies to evaluate the status of the fisheries;
- (5) A review of commercial ocean recreational activities conducted from county beach parks;
- (6) A review of land-based commercial ocean recreational activities, such as surf schools, kayaking tours, snorkeling, and kayaking or stand up paddle board equipment rental conducted along the Waianae Coast and the impact on public recreational use;
- (7) An assessment of thrill craft use along the Waianae Coast; and
- (8) A discussion of the incorporation of place-based, culture-based, and community-based strategies and activities as an integral part of the Waianae Sustainable Communities Initiative; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Aquatic Resources shall provide the Department of Land and Natural Resources with the technical assistance and information necessary to help prepare the update; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to report its findings and recommendations no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
3 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Administrator of the  
4 Division of Aquatic Resources.

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