
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO INCREASE
ACTIVE PATROLS OF KAILUA BAY, EXPAND NO WAKE SPEED ZONES,
AND ENFORCE BOATING SAFETY RULES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's waters are an invaluable resource for
2 residents and tourists alike; and
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4 WHEREAS, many of the State's most cherished recreational
5 activities involve the ocean, including swimming, boating, free
6 diving, snorkeling, and paddling; and
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8 WHEREAS, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
9 within the Department of Land and Natural Resources is tasked
10 with promoting and attaining the safety of persons using State
11 waters; and
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13 WHEREAS, one method of promoting and attaining water safety
14 is prohibiting boats in certain areas from traveling at speeds
15 above those that make the least possible wake; and
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17 WHEREAS, Kailua Bay is one of the most popular beaches in
18 the State and attracts significant numbers of residents and
19 tourists each day who swim, dive, paddle, boat, and enjoy the
20 ocean; and
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22 WHEREAS, in early 2016, a free diver was accidentally killed
23 and another seriously injured in Kailua Bay when they were
24 struck by boat propellers; and
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26 WHEREAS, as windward Oahu beaches continue to grow in
27 popularity, there is more opportunity for ocean goers to be
28 injured or killed by those who do not follow ocean safety
29 protocol; and
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31 WHEREAS, increasing the presence of Department of Land and
32 Natural Resources officials in Kailua Bay would help deter



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1 boaters from traveling above no wake speeds and violating other
 2 boating safety regulations, thus protecting ocean goers; now,
 3 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, that the Department of Land and Natural
 8 Resources is urged to increase active patrols of Kailua Bay,
 9 expand no wake speed zones, and enforce boating safety rules;
 10 and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 13 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 14 Land and Natural Resources.

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