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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING ENDORSEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR A UNIQUE AND AGGRESSIVE APPROACH BY THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO USE DURABLE AND TEMPORARY GEO-SYNTHETIC MATERIALS AS NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE KAAPALI BEACH WALK FROM SHORELINE HAZARDS UNTIL THE BEACH NOURISHMENT PROGRAM AT KAAPALI BEACH CAN BE COMPLETED.

1           WHEREAS, section 205A-2, Hawaii Revised Statutes,  
2 establishes the objective of providing coastal recreational  
3 opportunities that are accessible to the public through policies  
4 encouraging the protection of coastal resources which are  
5 uniquely suited for recreational activities that cannot be  
6 provided in other areas; and  
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8           WHEREAS, these policies include providing and managing  
9 adequate public access that is consistent with conservation of  
10 natural resources to and along shorelines with recreational  
11 value; and  
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13           WHEREAS, section 171-153, Hawaii Revised Statutes, states  
14 in pertinent part, that:  
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16           "The department [of land and natural resources] shall  
17 prepare and, from time to time, revise plans for the  
18 restoration of beach lands of the State. These plans  
19 shall guide the board in identifying those beach  
20 lands in need of restoration which have been degraded  
21 as a result of natural or human actions and shall  
22 designate suitable coastal lands for the purpose of  
23 generating revenues to carry out the purposes of this  
24 section"; and  
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26           WHEREAS, Act 117, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, amends  
27 section 237D-6.5(b)(5), Hawaii Revised Statutes, to allocate a  
28 part of the transient accommodations tax revenues from the  
29 special land and development fund beginning July 1, 2016, for  
30 "[t]he protection, preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of  
31 natural resources, including beaches, important to the visitor  
32 industry" and the "[o]peration and maintenance costs of public



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1 lands, including beaches, connected with enhancing the visitor  
2 experience", if the allocation is expended in accordance with  
3 the Hawaii Tourism Authority's strategic plan; and

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5 WHEREAS, when beaches suffer from erosion, shoreline  
6 properties become increasingly vulnerable to numerous coastal  
7 hazards; and

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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii is world-renowned for its beaches, which  
10 are the backbone of Hawaii's multi-billion dollar tourist  
11 economy; and

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13 WHEREAS, visitors to Kaanapali Beach on the Island of Maui  
14 contribute over \$2,000,000,000 to the State and Maui County  
15 economies each year; and

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17 WHEREAS, while Hawaii's beaches provide many recreational  
18 opportunities for residents and visitors, they also act as a  
19 natural buffer to prevent or minimize property damage from storm  
20 waves; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Kaanapali Beach Walk is a significant  
23 recreational resource consisting of approximately six thousand  
24 lineal feet of contiguous, paved, pedestrian walking pathways,  
25 which are accessible to the public and are uniquely situated for  
26 recreational activities; and

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28 WHEREAS, recent storm waves have dramatically accelerated  
29 the erosion of the shoreline fronting the Kaanapali Beach Walk,  
30 undermining the existence of the regional recreational resource  
31 in advance of the implementation of the Department of Land and  
32 Natural Resources' beach nourishment program at Kaanapali Beach;  
33 now, therefore,

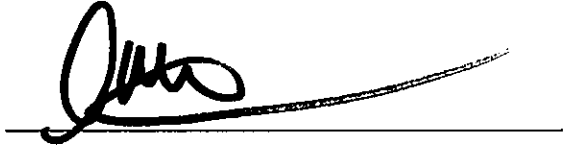
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35 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
36 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
37 Session of 2016, that this body expresses its endorsement and  
38 support for a unique and aggressive approach by the Department  
39 of Land and Natural Resources to use durable and temporary geo-  
40 synthetic materials as necessary for the protection of the  
41 Kaanapali Beach Walk from shoreline hazards until the beach  
42 nourishment program at Kaanapali Beach can be completed; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of Land  
4 and Natural Resources and Mayor of the County of Maui.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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