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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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 KAA NAPALI BEACH WALK  
FROM SHORELINE HAZARDS UNTIL THE BEACH NOURISHMENT PROGRAM  
AT KAA NAPALI 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



1 "[t]he protection, preservation, maintenance, and enhancement of  
2 natural resources, including beaches, important to the visitor  
3 industry" and the "[o]peration and maintenance costs of public  
4 lands, including beaches, connected with enhancing the visitor  
5 experience", if the allocation is expended in accordance with  
6 the Hawaii Tourism Authority's strategic plan; and  
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8 WHEREAS, when beaches suffer from erosion, shoreline  
9 properties become increasingly vulnerable to numerous coastal  
10 hazards; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii is world-renowned for its beaches, which  
13 are the backbone of Hawaii's multi-billion dollar tourist  
14 economy; and  
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16 WHEREAS, visitors to Kaanapali Beach on the Island of Maui  
17 contribute over \$2,000,000,000 to the State and Maui County  
18 economies each year; and  
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20 WHEREAS, while Hawaii's beaches provide many recreational  
21 opportunities for residents and visitors, they also act as a  
22 natural buffer to prevent or minimize property damage from storm  
23 waves; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Kaanapali Beach Walk is a significant  
26 recreational resource consisting of approximately six thousand  
27 lineal feet of contiguous, paved, pedestrian walking pathways,  
28 which are accessible to the public and are uniquely situated for  
29 recreational activities; and  
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31 WHEREAS, recent storm waves have dramatically accelerated  
32 the erosion of the shoreline fronting the Kaanapali Beach Walk,  
33 undermining the existence of the regional recreational resource  
34 in advance of the implementation of the Department of Land and  
35 Natural Resources' beach nourishment program at Kaanapali Beach;  
36 now, therefore,  
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38 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
39 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
40 House of Representatives concurring, that this body expresses  
41 its endorsement and support for a unique and aggressive approach  
42 by the Department of Land and Natural Resources to use durable



1 and temporary geo-synthetic materials as necessary for the  
2 protection of the Kaanapali Beach Walk from shoreline hazards  
3 until the beach nourishment program at Kaanapali Beach can be  
4 completed; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
8 Board of Land and Natural Resources and Mayor of the County of  
9 Maui.

