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SENATE 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
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



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



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



OFFERED BY:

