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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
ON THE PROCESS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL  
RESOURCES USES TO REMOVE VESSELS STRANDED IN NEARSHORE  
WATERS.

1 WHEREAS, the process of removing vessels found stranded in  
2 nearshore waters is in need of evaluation; and  
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4 WHEREAS, one example of a vessel stranded in nearshore  
5 waters is a commercial fishing vessel called the Pacific  
6 Paradise that ran aground on the beaches of Waikiki on October  
7 10, 2017; and  
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9 WHEREAS, salvage crews working on the Pacific Paradise took  
10 nearly two months to remove the vessel through various means and  
11 eventually brought the vessel further out to sea to be sunk, and  
12 during the time that the salvage efforts were being made, the  
13 vessel leaked oil and fuel, which caused a fire and damaged  
14 shallow reefs; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the Pacific Paradise was successfully removed on  
17 December 7, 2017, after two months of various efforts to remove  
18 the vessel, including preparing and patching its hull, removing  
19 excess weight by pumping water, removing heavy spare parts  
20 including sheet metal and the rudder, and adding additional  
21 buoyancy while working in a challenging environment and weather;  
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24 WHEREAS, the delayed removal of the stranded vessel exposed  
25 the serious potential impact that stranded vessels can have on  
26 Hawaii's nearshore waters; and



1 WHEREAS, delays in addressing future vessel strandings may  
2 have similar or even greater detrimental impacts on the  
3 environment; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
6 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
7 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
8 Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the process that the  
9 Department of Land and Natural Resources uses to remove stranded  
10 vessels in nearshore waters; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the  
13 Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to:  
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- 15 (1) Review the department's process for the removal of  
16 vessels stranded in nearshore waters;  
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- 18 (2) Identify the environmental impacts on the State's  
19 nearshore resources that are caused by stranded  
20 vessels;  
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- 22 (3) Consider ways to minimize environmental impacts  
23 through the removal of stranded vessels;  
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- 25 (4) Examine the events that transpired during the Pacific  
26 Paradise vessel stranding;  
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- 28 (5) Make recommendations on measures to prevent similar  
29 vessel strandings in the future; and  
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- 31 (6) Provide an assessment of the extent of environmental  
32 and economic damages caused by the Pacific Paradise  
33 stranding; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
36 Bureau is requested to include in its study a response plan for  
37 future stranding events that includes possible ways to mitigate  
38 the adverse effects of vessel strandings; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
41 Bureau is requested to submit its study, including proposed



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1 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
2 to the Regular Session of 2019; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
6 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Director of the  
7 Legislative Reference Bureau.  
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