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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WAIVE ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO ANY NONPROFIT ENTITY FOR PURPOSES OF HOLDING AN OCEAN RECREATION-RELATED TOURNAMENT, INCLUDING ANY ANCILLARY SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, due to its premier location in the middle of the
2 Pacific Ocean, Hawaii is known worldwide as one of the best
3 places for ocean fishing; and
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5 WHEREAS, every year, Hawaii is host to numerous fishing
6 tournaments that attract teams and spectators from all over the
7 world along with many planned events that spotlight Hawaii's
8 unique culture and scenic beauty, thereby generating revenue for
9 the State; and
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11 WHEREAS, as a landowner, the Department of Land and Natural
12 Resources (Department) receives numerous requests for short-term
13 temporary use of lands for a variety of purposes, including but
14 not limited to beach activities, such as surf meets, volleyball
15 tournaments, canoe races, and fishing tournaments; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Department issues rights-of-entry permits for
18 the right to enter unencumbered public lands for a minor,
19 temporary use that does not involve a land disposition for
20 entry; and
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22 WHEREAS, for fishing tournaments held in state waters, it
23 is necessary to temporarily have the exclusive use of certain
24 water areas for the purposes of engaging in competitive fishing;
25 these water areas include areas along the shoreline, use of
26 small boat harbors, and offshore mooring to facilitate the
27 fishing tournaments; and
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29 WHEREAS, accordingly, fishing tournament organizers are
30 required to apply for a right-of-entry permit for the temporary,



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exclusive use of certain areas within state waters, shorelines, and small boat harbors; and

WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to charge a fee for the right-of-entry permit; and

WHEREAS, permit fees may be cost prohibitive for some nonprofit entities, which may discourage these entities from holding these tournaments in Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to waive any costs associated with a right-of-entry permit to any nonprofit entity for purposes of holding an ocean recreation-related tournament, including any ancillary services; and

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

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