

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1642 -18

Honolulu, Hawaii  
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RE: H.C.R. No. 34

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Ninth State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2018  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian  
Affairs, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 34 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION URGING THE DIVISION OF STATE  
PARKS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
ASSESS POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS OCEAN CONDITIONS AT BEACH PARKS  
AND ENSURE THAT SAFETY CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED PRIOR TO  
UNDERTAKING ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS THAT WILL INCREASE USE, AND  
TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT POTENTIALLY HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS  
AT STATE BEACH PARKS ON THE DIVISION'S WEBSITE AND IN ITS  
PRINTED MATERIALS, "

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to urge the Division of State  
Parks (Division) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
to assess potentially hazardous ocean conditions at beach parks in  
the State and ensure that safety concerns are addressed prior to  
undertaking access improvements that will increase use of the  
beach parks. This measure also urges the Department to provide  
information about potentially hazardous conditions at state beach  
parks on the Division's website and in its printed materials.

The Department of Land and Natural Resources, Oahu County  
Committee on Legislative Priorities of the Democratic Party of  
Hawai'i, and a concerned individual testified in support of this  
measure.


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Your Committee notes that at the public hearing on this measure, there were discussions regarding concerns over the proposed source of funding for the Division to conduct an assessment of the potentially hazardous ocean conditions at beach parks and to distribute that information on its website and in its printed materials. Should the Committee on Finance deliberate this measure further, your Committee on Ocean, Marine, and Hawaiian Affairs respectfully requests that it continue the discussion on the appropriate source of funding for the appropriation, as well as hiring criteria and minimum qualifications for the positions needed to conduct and distribute information on the assessment.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Ocean, Marine Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 34 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Ocean, Marine  
Resources, & Hawaiian Affairs,

  
KANIELA ING, Chair



