
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF ABANDONED SHOPPING CARTS ON
OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, on any given day, shopping carts may be seen
2 discarded, strewn, and abandoned in communities across Oahu:
3 some carts are left in beach parks and on sidewalks and
4 roadways, while others are abandoned in brush and streams and
5 near bus stops and at people's homes; and

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7 WHEREAS, shopping carts that lie abandoned on Oahu's
8 sidewalks and roadways and throughout communities jeopardize the
9 safety of drivers who must navigate around these carts and
10 pedestrians who must walk on the street to avoid them, and make
11 it especially difficult for persons in wheelchairs to move
12 about; and

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14 WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts are a nuisance to
15 businesses and establishments, customers, property owners,
16 police and other law enforcement, and the public; and

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18 WHEREAS, these carts become rusty, dirty, and damaged when
19 left to the natural elements and often contain discarded or
20 abandoned items or trash that also pose health and safety
21 hazards; and

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23 WHEREAS, besides being safety and health hazards, abandoned
24 shopping carts are an eyesore and blight to the environment; and

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26 WHEREAS, returning and replacing abandoned shopping carts
comes at great expense to businesses and establishments, such as



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1 supermarkets, as well as to consumers to whom the costs are
2 passed on; and

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4 WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts are detrimental to
5 pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and

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7 WHEREAS, various techniques have been tried to address the
8 problem of abandoned shopping carts, including prohibiting the
9 removal of carts from businesses and establishments or their
10 parking lots; hiring employees or companies to retrieve carts;
11 requiring customers to pay a refundable deposit to use a cart;
12 and installing cart containment systems that lock the wheels of
13 carts when the carts reach the boundary of the establishment's
14 parking lot; and

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16 WHEREAS, requiring businesses and other establishments that
17 own or lease shopping carts to retrieve their abandoned shopping
18 carts will help address this community concern; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
22 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
23 Transportation and City and County of Honolulu Department of
24 Transportation Services, respectively, are requested to adopt
25 rules to address the problem of abandoned shopping carts on
26 Oahu, including:

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28 (1) Holding businesses and establishments responsible for
29 retrieving their abandoned shopping carts; and

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31 (2) Providing businesses and establishments with other
32 means of dealing with sidewalk and roadway hazards
33 caused by abandoned shopping carts; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
36 Transportation and City and County of Honolulu Department of
37 Transportation Services are requested to submit separate reports
38 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
39 convening of the Regular Session of 2020 on the actions taken to
40 address the problem of abandoned shopping carts on Oahu; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of
3 the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Transportation, and
4 Director of Transportation Services of the City and County of
5 Honolulu.

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