HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH THE LANIAKEA BEACH MARINE LIFE CONSERVATION DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, Laniakea Beach, or Turtle Beach, on Oahu's North Shore, is home to many Hawaiian honu (green sea turtles); and

WHEREAS, the honu are protected by the federal Endangered Species Act and Hawaii state law; and

WHEREAS, Oahu's nearshore waters are also home to more than four hundred species of fish and other marine life; and

WHEREAS, some ocean activities, such as swimming, parasailing, water sledding, high-speed boating, and commercial boating, threaten honu, fish, and other sea life; and

WHEREAS, Marine Life Conservation Districts, established by the Department of Land and Natural Resources, are designed to conserve and protect marine environments and resources; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to establish the Laniakea Beach Marine Life Conservation District; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature recommends that the conservation district extend seaward for one mile from the shoreline of Laniakea Beach on the north shore of Oahu, at TMK 1-6-1-010-017-000, into state marine waters; and

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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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