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# HOUSE 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  
27 comes at great expense to businesses and establishments, such as  
28 supermarkets, as well as to consumers to whom the costs are  
29 passed on; and



1 WHEREAS, abandoned shopping carts are detrimental to  
2 pedestrian and vehicular traffic; and  
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4 WHEREAS, various techniques have been tried to address the  
5 problem of abandoned shopping carts, including prohibiting the  
6 removal of carts from businesses and establishments or their  
7 parking lots; hiring employees or companies to retrieve carts;  
8 requiring customers to pay a refundable deposit to use a cart;  
9 and installing cart containment systems that lock the wheels of  
10 carts when the carts reach the boundary of the establishment's  
11 parking lot; and  
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13 WHEREAS, working with businesses and other establishments  
14 that own or lease shopping carts to retrieve their abandoned  
15 shopping carts will help address this community concern; now,  
16 therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
20 2019, that the Department of Transportation and City and County  
21 of Honolulu Department of Transportation Services, respectively,  
22 are requested to adopt rules to address the problem of abandoned  
23 shopping carts on Oahu, including:  
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- 25 (1) Working with businesses and establishments on  
26 solutions to secure and retrieve their abandoned  
27 shopping carts; and  
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- 29 (2) Providing businesses and establishments with other  
30 means of dealing with sidewalk and roadway hazards  
31 caused by abandoned shopping carts; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
34 Transportation and City and County of Honolulu Department of  
35 Transportation Services are requested to submit separate reports  
36 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the  
37 convening of the Regular Session of 2020 on the actions taken to  
38 address the problem of abandoned shopping carts on Oahu; and



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

