
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ENFORCE THE CONDITIONS OF PERMITS
ISSUED FOR CONSTRUCTION TO MINIMIZE SOIL EROSION AND
SEDIMENT RUN-OFF THAT MAY DAMAGE THE STATE'S REEFS AND
NEARSHORE WATERS.

1 WHEREAS, construction often involves removing vegetation,
2 altering topography, and covering previously vegetated surfaces
3 with impervious surfaces, including roads, driveways, and
4 buildings; and

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6 WHEREAS, these changes to the landscape may result in the
7 erosion of soil and sedimentation of various bodies of water as
8 soil travels in water run-off; and

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10 WHEREAS, during storm events, petroleum and other chemicals
11 used at construction sites may also drain into the State's water
12 supplies; and

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14 WHEREAS, uncovered ground areas that do not have proper
15 soil conservation measures in place pursuant to an applicable
16 county code are causing run-off to enter near-shore ocean waters
17 during heavy rain events; and

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19 WHEREAS, numerous construction companies are allowed to
20 continue to work under their permits, despite being in
21 noncompliance and causing run-off to occur; and

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23 WHEREAS, the effects of storms on, and erosion and sediment
24 contributions from, construction sites significantly impact
25 water quality throughout the State and may alter or destroy
26 aquatic habitats and reefs; and
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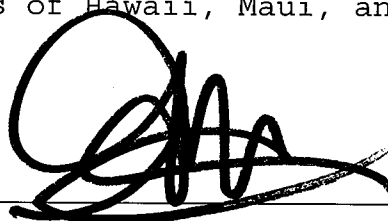
1 WHEREAS, state waters are a precious resource that provide
2 sustenance to Hawaii's economy and are an integral element of
3 Hawaii's culture and heritage; now, therefore,

4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
6 2020, the Senate concurring, that the counties are requested to
7 enforce the conditions of permits issued for construction to
8 minimize soil erosion and sediment run-off that may damage the
9 State's reefs and nearshore waters; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and
13 Chairperson of the Council of each county; Director of Planning
14 and Permitting for the City and County of Honolulu; and
15 Directors of Planning for the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and
16 Kauai.

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