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## HOUSE 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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28           WHEREAS, state waters are a precious resource that provide  
29 sustenance to Hawaii's economy and are an integral element of  
30 Hawaii's culture and heritage; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
3 2020, that the counties are requested to enforce the conditions  
4 of permits issued for construction to minimize soil erosion and  
5 sediment run-off that may damage the State's reefs and nearshore  
6 waters; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Chairperson of the  
10 Council of each county; Director of Planning and Permitting for  
11 the City and County of Honolulu; and Directors of Planning for  
12 the counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai.  
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