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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A
TASK FORCE TO DEVELOP PLANS FOR A TRAIL FEE PILOT PROGRAM
AND COMMERCIAL TOUR GUIDE CERTIFICATION PROGRAM TO SUPPORT
AND FUND ECOLOGICALLY SUSTAINABLE TOURISM IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, tourism is the largest private sector industry in
2 Hawaii, a state known globally for its natural beauty, unique
3 culture, and aloha spirit; and
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5 WHEREAS, the sustainability and continued success of
6 Hawaii's tourism industry depends on the State's ability to
7 protect natural and cultural resources, foster relationships
8 between visitors and local communities, and balance residents'
9 and visitors' respective needs; and
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11 WHEREAS, growing population and visitor numbers have
12 created additional pollution, erosion, and safety hazards that
13 affect the State's parks, trails, and waterways; and
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15 WHEREAS, public education and environmental management
16 programs are critically needed to address and mitigate these
17 issues; and
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19 WHEREAS, the development and implementation of a trail fee
20 pilot program and professional tour guide certification program
21 will help the State develop education and resource management
22 approaches that are economically self-sustaining; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
26 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
27 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land and
28 Natural Resources is urged to convene a task force to develop
29 plans for a trail fee pilot program and tour guide certification



1 program to support and fund ecologically sustainable tourism in
2 the State; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force comprise the
5 following members or their representatives:

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7 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
8 Resources, to serve as co-chair;
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10 (2) The State Sustainability Coordinator, to also serve as
11 co-chair;
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13 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
14 Hawaii Tourism Authority;
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16 (4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
17 Tourism;
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19 (5) The Administrator of the Division of State Parks of
20 the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
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22 (6) The Program Manager of the Na Ala Hele Trail and
23 Access Program;
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25 (7) The Administrator of the Division of Boating and Ocean
26 Recreation of the Department of Land and Natural
27 Resources;
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29 (8) The Committee Chairperson of the Aha Moku Advisory
30 Committee;
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32 (9) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo;
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34 (10) The Chancellor of Hawaii Community College; Chancellor
35 of Kapiolani Community College;
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37 (11) The Chancellor of Kauai Community College; and
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39 (12) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui
40 College;
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1 provided that the Hawaii Ecotourism Association, Hawaii
2 Transportation Association, and Activities and Attractions of
3 Hawaii, Inc. are also requested to designate representatives of
4 each of those organizations to serve as members of the task
5 force; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is urged to
8 consider an exemption for residents of the State from any fees
9 charged under the trail fee pilot program and the expenditure of
10 collected fees for the maintenance and preservation of hiking
11 trails, parks, and waterways; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is also urged to
14 consider whether it is advisable or feasible to require
15 commercial tour guides to obtain permits, hold licenses, or to
16 meet certain minimum requirements to ensure these persons
17 understand the principles of ecologically sustainable tourism;
18 and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
21 submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and
22 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
23 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
24 of 2021; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
28 Board of Land and Natural Resources; State Sustainability
29 Coordinator; Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii
30 Tourism Authority; Director of Business, Economic Development,
31 and Tourism; Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the
32 Department of Land and Natural Resources; Program Manager of the
33 Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program; Administrator of the
34 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of
35 Land and Natural Resources; Committee Chairperson of the Aha
36 Moku Advisory Committee; Chancellor of the University of Hawaii
37 at Hilo; Chancellor of Hawaii Community College; Chancellor of
38 Kapiolani Community College; Chancellor of Kauai Community
39 College; Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui College;

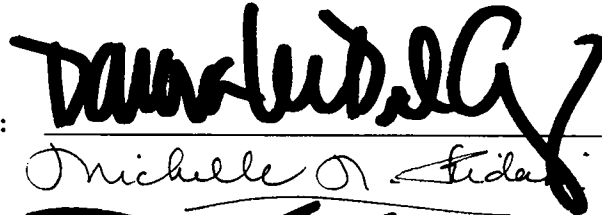
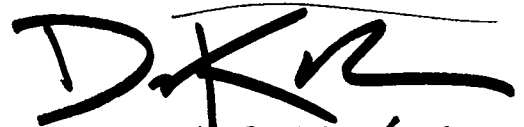

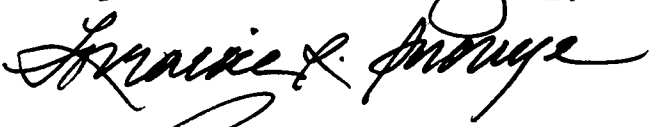


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1 and representatives of the Hawaii Ecotourism Association; Hawaii
2 Transportation Association; and Activities and Attractions of
3 Hawaii, Inc.

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