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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF  
BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'  
2 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (Division) manages the  
3 State's small boat harbors, mooring and boating facilities, and  
4 statewide ocean recreation programs; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the Division's responsibilities include enforcing  
7 laws and rules pertaining to boating safety and regulation of  
8 commercial activities, and overseeing permits for ocean  
9 recreation events such as yacht races, canoe regattas, and  
10 surfing contests; and  
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12           WHEREAS, in recent years, community members have expressed  
13 numerous concerns about the Division, particularly its lack of  
14 effective communication with the boating community, an  
15 inconsistent approach to interpreting and enforcing  
16 administrative rules, repeated and prolific complaints across  
17 the State about division management, and ongoing issues of  
18 employee misconduct complaints and ethics violations; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the Office of the Auditor previously conducted a  
21 management audit of state boating facilities operations from  
22 July 1, 1998, to June 30, 2000, and issued in April 2001 Report  
23 No. 01-09, Audit of the Management of State Boating Facilities  
24 by Department of Land and Natural Resources; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the report found that mismanagement of state  
27 boating facilities has been a recurring problem, and recommended  
28 that the Division develop strategic plans to address these  
29 ongoing issues with the boating program; and



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1 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Auditor to  
 2 conduct a performance audit of the current operations and  
 3 management of the Division, considering the public's and the  
 4 Auditor's long-standing concerns; now, therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 7 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the  
 8 Auditor is requested to conduct a performance audit of the  
 9 operations and management of the Department of Land and Natural  
 10 Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor examine and include  
 13 in its report whether the Division is using government resources  
 14 in compliance with statutes, rules, and policies; whether the  
 15 Division's activities are achieving their objectives; and  
 16 whether those activities are being conducted effectively,  
 17 efficiently, economically, ethically, and equitably; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
 20 submit a report of any findings and recommendations, including  
 21 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
 22 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 23 2022; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 26 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Chairperson of  
 27 the Board of Land and Natural Resources.  
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