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SENATE 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, that the
27 Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to convene a
28 task force to develop plans for a trail fee pilot program and
29 tour guide certification program to support and fund
30 ecologically sustainable tourism in the State; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force comprise the
33 following members or their representatives:



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- 1 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
2 Resources, to serve as co-chair;
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- 4 (2) The State Sustainability Coordinator, to also serve as
5 co-chair;
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- 7 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the
8 Hawaii Tourism Authority;
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- 10 (4) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
11 Tourism;
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- 13 (5) The Administrator of the Division of State Parks of
14 the Department of Land and Natural Resources;
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- 16 (6) The Program Manager of the Na Ala Hele Trail and
17 Access Program;
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- 19 (7) The Administrator of the Division of Boating and Ocean
20 Recreation of the Department of Land and Natural
21 Resources;
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- 23 (8) The Committee Chairperson of the Aha Moku Advisory
24 Committee;
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- 26 (9) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Hilo;
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- 28 (10) The Chancellor of Hawaii Community College; Chancellor
29 of Kapiolani Community College;
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- 31 (11) The Chancellor of Kauai Community College; and
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- 33 (12) The Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui
34 College;
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36 provided that the Hawaii Ecotourism Association, Hawaii
37 Transportation Association, and Activities and Attractions of
38 Hawaii, Inc. are also requested to designate representatives of
39 each of those organizations to serve as members of the task
40 force; and
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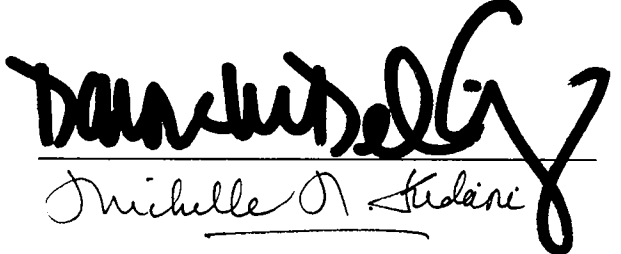
1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is urged to
 2 consider an exemption for residents of the State from any fees
 3 charged under the trail fee pilot program and the expenditure of
 4 collected fees for the maintenance and preservation of hiking
 5 trails, parks, and waterways; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is also urged to
 8 consider whether it is advisable or feasible to require
 9 commercial tour guides to obtain permits, hold licenses, or to
 10 meet certain minimum requirements to ensure these persons
 11 understand the principles of ecologically sustainable tourism;
 12 and

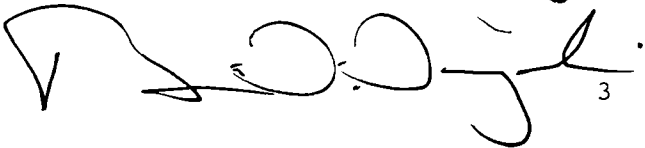
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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 15 submit to the Legislature a report of its findings and
 16 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later
 17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 18 of 2021; and

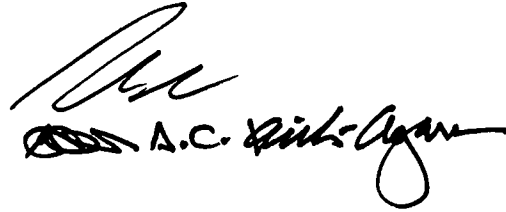
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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 22 Land and Natural Resources; State Sustainability Coordinator;
 23 Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism
 24 Authority; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
 25 Tourism; Administrator of the Division of State Parks of the
 26 Department of Land and Natural Resources; Program Manager of the
 27 Na Ala Hele Trail and Access Program; Administrator of the
 28 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of
 29 Land and Natural Resources; Committee Chairperson of the Aha
 30 Moku Advisory Committee; Chancellor of the University of Hawaii
 31 at Hilo; Chancellor of Hawaii Community College; Chancellor of
 32 Kapiolani Community College; Chancellor of Kauai Community
 33 College; Chancellor of the University of Hawaii Maui College;
 34 and representatives of the Hawaii Ecotourism Association; Hawaii
 35 Transportation Association; and Activities and Attractions of
 36 Hawaii, Inc.

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