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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO INCREASE FINES, FEES,  
AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS REGARDING TOUR BUS OPERATORS WHO  
VIOLATE STATE LAW.

1           WHEREAS, the abatement of the coronavirus disease 2019  
2 (COVID-19) pandemic, availability of COVID-19 vaccinations, and  
3 easing of travel restrictions are expected to bring record  
4 numbers of visitors to Hawaii; and

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6           WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
7 and Tourism forecasts that visitor arrivals to the State will  
8 reach or exceed pre-pandemic numbers by 2024; and

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10          WHEREAS, many visitors to the State participate in group  
11 excursions and navigate Hawaii's islands by tour bus; and

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13          WHEREAS, some tour bus operators have negatively impacted  
14 the daily lives of the State's residents by monopolizing parking  
15 spots, blocking residential driveways, and dropping off  
16 passengers in locations that make roadways unsafe; and

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18          WHEREAS, in the year prior to the pandemic, the Public  
19 Utilities Commission issued seventy-four citations for  
20 violations by tour bus operators, with many bus operators  
21 accruing multiple citations; and

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23          WHEREAS, greater deterrents are needed to ensure that tour  
24 bus operators do not endanger or inconvenience the State's  
25 residents by repeatedly violating state law; now, therefore,

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27          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the Public Utilities



1 Commission is urged to increase fines, fees, and enforcement  
2 efforts regarding tour bus operators who violate state law; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director  
6 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and Chairperson  
7 and all members of the Public Utilities Commission.  
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OFFERED BY:  \_\_\_\_\_  
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