
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT 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 in April 2001 issued Report
23 No. 01-09, "Audit of the Management of State Boating Facilities
24 by the 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 House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2024, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a
9 performance audit of the operations and management of the
10 Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating
11 and Ocean Recreation; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
14 examine and include in its report whether the Division is using
15 government resources in compliance with statutes, rules, and
16 policies; whether the Division's activities are achieving their
17 objectives; and whether those activities are being conducted
18 effectively, efficiently, economically, ethically, and
19 equitably; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
22 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
23 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
24 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
25 2025; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and Chairperson of the
29 Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY: *Nicole E. Lowen*
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