
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CLEAN CERTAIN STREAMS AND CANALS
IN WAIPAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the maintenance of many streams and canals on the
2 island of Oahu falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of
3 Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the lack of stream and canal maintenance often
6 leads to clogged, overgrown, or debris-filled streams and canals
7 that function poorly, especially during rain events, and can
8 result in local flooding and other safety hazards; and
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10 WHEREAS, Waikele Stream, the canal adjacent to Bill Balfour
11 Jr., Waipahu District Park that intersects Paiwa Street, and the
12 canal along Honowai Neighborhood Park and Honowai Elementary
13 School are examples of streams and canals that have debris and
14 are overgrown with fast-growing vegetation that increase
15 siltation, cause breaches that flood adjacent properties, and
16 impair water flow to the streams, canals, and lochs; and
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18 WHEREAS, community members who live near Waipahu streams
19 and canals often feel responsible for maintaining them even when
20 it is the responsibility of the Department of Facility
21 Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu to ensure the
22 proper maintenance of streams and canals under its jurisdiction
23 for the safety and well-being of the public and the environment;
24 now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2024, that the Department of Facility Maintenance of
29 the City and County of Honolulu is requested to clean the
30 following stream and canals in Waipahu:
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32 (1) Waikele Stream;



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(2) The canal adjacent to Bill Balfour Jr., Waipahu District Park that intersects Paiwa Street; and

(3) The canal along Honowai Neighborhood Park and Honowai Elementary School; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu and Chief Engineer of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu.

OFFERED BY:



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