
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ADOPT
RULES TO REGULATE THE USE OF PUBLIC BEACHES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's beaches consistently rank in opinion
2 polls as some of the most beautiful and pristine public beaches
3 in the world; and
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5 WHEREAS, tourists from all over the world come to Hawaii to
6 enjoy the sun and the surf of Hawaii's many public beaches; and
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8 WHEREAS, all beaches in Hawaii are open to the public for
9 both residents and tourists to share and enjoy; and
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11 WHEREAS, recently, certain hotels have begun reserving
12 public beach areas fronting their hotel for the exclusive use of
13 their hotel patrons or using public beach space for storage or
14 commercial purposes; and
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16 WHEREAS, these practices appears to be contrary to public
17 policy that reserves public beaches for the use of the general
18 public; and
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20 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 171-3, Hawaii Revised
21 Statutes, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
22 responsible for the management, administration, and control over
23 public lands and coastal areas; and
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25 WHEREAS, the general public, as well as private businesses
26 would benefit from specific rules to guide the use of public
27 beaches; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Land
32 and Natural Resources is requested to adopt rules, pursuant to



H.C.R. NO. 302

1 chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to regulate the use of
2 public beaches; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Land and Natural
5 Resources is requested to consider adopting rules to determine:

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7 (1) The use of public beach lands by hotels, resorts, and
8 other businesses, specific to equipment and other
9 activities on beaches that limit use or access by the
10 public;

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12 (2) A reasonable period of time that hotels, resorts, or
13 other businesses may leave equipment on public beach
14 lands; and

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16 (3) A structure or schedule of fees for any violation
17 relating to the use of public beaches; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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