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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING FEDERAL, STATE, AND COUNTY AGENCIES TO IMPLEMENT THE  
2006 OCEAN RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, section 205A-62, Hawaii Revised Statutes, requires  
2 the Office of Planning, the agency responsible for the Coastal  
3 Zone Management Program, to periodically update and coordinate  
4 the implementation of the Ocean Resources Management Plan; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning undertook extensive public  
7 outreach and agency coordination to update the Ocean Resources  
8 Management Plan, and in December 2006, the Office submitted an  
9 updated Ocean Resources Management Plan to the Legislature; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the revised Ocean Resources Management Plan  
12 distinguishes itself from previous efforts and plans in that it:  
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- 14 (1) Adopts an integrated approach rather than a sector-  
15 based approach;  
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17 (2) Promotes an adaptive, learning approach with projects  
18 and implementation phases that are coupled with  
19 opportunities to share experiences and lessons  
20 learned;  
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22 (3) Relies on community and private sector initiatives as  
23 well as government actions; and  
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25 (4) Identifies responsibilities and a schedule for plan  
26 implementation that emphasizes interagency  
27 collaboration and public-private partnerships; and  
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29 WHEREAS, throughout 2004 and 2005, the Office of Planning  
30 sought input from the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council, the  
31 Marine and Coastal Zone Advisory Council, the Office of Hawaiian  
32 Affairs, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, various  
33 community groups, ocean users, environmental nonprofits, and



1 members of the general public, and held a workshop that focused  
2 on the issues, priorities, and any recommendations that should  
3 be included in the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Ocean and Coastal Council held monthly  
6 meetings between May and October 2005, and produced long-term  
7 goals and prioritized tiers of short- to mid-term goals; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs held a series of  
10 meetings called "Community Conversations" on each island to  
11 allow the Native Hawaiian community to share their concerns and  
12 knowledge about ocean and coastal issues for inclusion into the  
13 Ocean Resources Management Plan; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs gave  
16 approximately seventeen informational presentations to various  
17 public and private agencies on the ahupua'a concept, the need for  
18 ecosystem management, the negative impacts of overlapping  
19 jurisdictions, and the need for public involvement in the  
20 planning process; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning held meetings with a  
23 variety of ocean and coastal organizations regarding the Ocean  
24 Resources Management Plan; and  
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26 WHEREAS, on October 26, 2005, the Office of Planning  
27 conducted the Hawaii Ocean Resources Management Plan Workshop in  
28 partnership with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the  
29 Department of Land and Natural Resources to bring together a  
30 wide base of stakeholders from government agencies, nonprofit  
31 organizations, community groups, small and large businesses, and  
32 community members; and  
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34 WHEREAS, these meetings and workshops fostered a genuine  
35 appreciation from all the organizations, agencies, and groups  
36 for being included in the planning process and generated wide  
37 public support and interest in seeing the updated Ocean  
38 Resources Management Plan implemented; and  
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40 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan Implementation  
41 Working Group was created and consisted of business  
42 representatives, the Department of Agriculture, the Department  
43 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Office of



1 Hawaiian Affairs, the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
2 the Department of Health, the Department of Transportation, and  
3 the four county planning agencies to meet and discuss the  
4 framework, identify priorities, and review drafts of the Ocean  
5 Resources Management Plan; and

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7 WHEREAS, in September and October 2006, the Office of  
8 Planning held a series of public meetings throughout the State  
9 to gather input and comments on the final draft of the Ocean  
10 Resources Management Plan, and the draft was generally well  
11 received by the public; and

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13 WHEREAS, the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan is  
14 built upon a framework of three perspectives with the purpose of  
15 achieving management goals and strategic actions in five-year  
16 implementation phases over the next thirty years:

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18 (1) Perspective One: *Connecting Land and Sea*, which  
19 reflects the traditional Native Hawaiian concept of  
20 ahupua'a management and recognizes the  
21 interconnectedness of the land and sea;  
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23 (2) Perspective Two: *Preserving Our Ocean Heritage*, which  
24 reflects the traditional Native Hawaiian management of  
25 fisheries and coastal resources as well as a deep  
26 understanding and care for the marine environment; and  
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28 (3) Perspective Three: *Promoting Collaboration and*  
29 *Stewardship*, which reflects the need for a holistic  
30 approach to natural resource management; and  
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32 WHEREAS, the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan  
33 provides a guide and integrated approach toward the management  
34 of Hawaii's ocean and coastal resources; and  
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36 WHEREAS, the need to implement the updated Ocean Resources  
37 Management Plan is imperative as the State faces significant  
38 changes over the next twenty years, including increased  
39 urbanization, tourism, recreational and commercial ocean uses,  
40 sea level rise and other natural hazards, marine debris, and  
41 invasive species; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the updated Ocean Resources Management Plan  
2 establishes a proactive planning process that can assist in  
3 mitigating the significant impacts to Hawaii's environment; now,  
4 therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
8 House of Representatives concurring, that federal, state, and  
9 county agencies are requested to implement the goals and  
10 strategic actions in the 2006 Ocean Resources Management Plan;  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature endorses the  
14 2006 Ocean Resources Management Plan because the Plan  
15 establishes a framework for making informed decisions about the  
16 use and management of the State's ocean and coastal resources  
17 that are widely supported by the public; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all affected federal, state,  
20 and county departments or agencies receiving a certified copy of  
21 this Concurrent Resolution submit a written report to the  
22 Legislature of:  
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- 24 (1) The current status of the department or agency  
25 implementing the goals and strategic actions in the  
26 2006 Ocean Resources Management Plan;  
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- 28 (2) Any accomplished goals or benchmarks and any factors  
29 attributing to these accomplishments; and  
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- 31 (3) Any reasons for the department's or agency's failure  
32 to meet these goals or benchmarks, or failure of  
33 action;  
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35 no later than twenty days prior to the 2008 Regular Session, and  
36 then no later than twenty days prior to every Regular Session  
37 thereafter with a final written report submitted to the  
38 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the 2012 Regular  
39 Session; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the  
43 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the  
44 Comptroller; the Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; the



1 Adjutant General and Director of Civil Defense; the Director of  
2 Finance; the Superintendent of Education; the Chairperson of the  
3 Hawaiian Homes Commission; the Director of Health; the Director  
4 of Labor and Industrial Relations; the Chairperson of the Board  
5 of Land and Natural Resources; the Director of Taxation; the  
6 Director of Transportation; the President of the University of  
7 Hawaii; the Director of the Office of Planning; the Chairperson  
8 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the Mayor, City and County of  
9 Honolulu; the Mayor, Hawaii County; the Mayor, Maui County; the  
10 Mayor, Kauai County; the Chairperson of the Marine and Coastal  
11 Advocacy Council; the Director of the United States Fish and  
12 Wildlife Services; the Administrator of the National Oceanic and  
13 Atmospheric Administration; Director of the National Marine  
14 Sanctuary Program; Director of the National Oceanic and  
15 Atmospheric Administration Fisheries Service; the Director of  
16 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Pacific  
17 Services Center; the Chairperson of the Western Pacific Regional  
18 Fishery Management Council; the Chairperson of the Hawaii Ocean  
19 and Coastal Council; and the President of the Association of  
20 Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

