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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONSIDER PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY WHEN ISSUING PERMITS FOR COMMERCIAL WEDDING OR PHOTOGRAPHIC ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's beaches and sandy shorelines make the  
2 perfect backdrop for commercial wedding ceremonies and  
3 photographic activities, including photo shoots and video  
4 productions; and

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6           WHEREAS, currently, commercial wedding ceremonies and  
7 photographic activities are required to obtain a right-of-entry  
8 permit by the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and

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10          WHEREAS, there are no restrictions limiting the time in  
11 which a person can reapply for a permit if a right-of-entry  
12 permit is denied or revoked by the Department of Land and  
13 Natural Resources; and

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15          WHEREAS, some remote beaches and shoreline areas under  
16 state jurisdiction do not have legal facilities such as  
17 bathrooms and parking facilities; and

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19          WHEREAS, many commercial weddings and photographic  
20 activities on beaches and shoreline areas disturb and disrupt  
21 the neighboring community due to traffic, parking, equipment  
22 use, and the noise from people attending these functions; and

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24          WHEREAS, the surrounding community should be considered by  
25 the Department of Land and Natural Resources when permitting  
26 commercial weddings and photographic activities on public lands;  
27 now, therefore,

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29          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2010, that this body urges the Department of Land and Natural  
2 Resources, prior to issuing a right-of-entry permit for  
3 commercial wedding or photographic activities, to consider:

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- 5 (1) Whether the permit site is equipped with legal
- 6 facilities for the specific type of commercial
- 7 activity;
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- 9 (2) Whether the activity will affect the health and safety
- 10 of the neighboring community; and
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- 12 (3) Requiring a person who has a right of entry permit
- 13 denied or revoked to wait at least six months prior to
- 14 obtaining a new permit; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
17 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report relating to  
18 commercial wedding and photography permits issued by the  
19 Department to this body, no later than twenty days prior to the  
20 convening of the Regular Session of 2011, which is requested to  
21 include:

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- 23 (1) The number of commercial wedding and photographic
- 24 permits issued in the last two years;
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- 26 (2) The number and type of complaints filed with the
- 27 Department of Land and Natural Resources, including
- 28 the geographic area regarding each complaint; and
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- 30 (3) Whether any actions were taken by the Department of
- 31 Land and Natural Resources to address the complaints
- 32 and the results of those actions; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
36 Land and Natural Resources.

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