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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY OF PRIVATE BOATING FACILITIES STATEWIDE AND  
DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES  
FROM COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OCCURRING AT OR FROM THESE  
FACILITIES.

1           WHEREAS, as an ocean state, Hawaii has an ancient seafaring  
2 heritage, one that encompasses a history of using the sea for  
3 transportation, sustenance, and recreation; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the waters of Hawaii provide some of the most  
6 exciting and beautiful ocean recreation opportunities in the  
7 world and currently supports an \$800 million ocean recreation  
8 industry; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Hawaii's small boat harbors and ramps serve as  
11 gateways to this resource and are under the control of the  
12 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of  
13 Land and Natural Resources which administers programs, manages  
14 facilities and issues permits to facilitate access to this  
15 resource and to make Hawaii's nearshore waters safe for  
16 everyone; and  
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18           WHEREAS, while the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation  
19 currently has jurisdiction over 20 public small boat harbors and  
20 16 independent boat ramps, many private boating facilities also  
21 exist throughout the State; and  
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23           WHEREAS, commercial operations, such as ocean tours and  
24 scuba and snorkeling excursions, currently operate out of these  
25 private boating facilities; and  
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27           WHEREAS, during these austere economic times, studying the  
28 feasibility of assessing fees similar to those currently being  
29 assessed of commercial operations at public boating facilities  
30 appears to be a worthwhile endeavor; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 3 of 2011, that the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of  
 4 the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to  
 5 conduct a study on the feasibility of assessing fees for  
 6 commercial operations that occur at or commence from private  
 7 boating facilities and use the nearshore waters of the State to  
 8 generate revenue that are similar to fees currently assessed on  
 9 commercial operations occurring at or commencing from public  
 10 boating facilities; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 13 Natural Resources submit a report of its findings and  
 14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
 15 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the  
 16 Regular Session of 2012; and

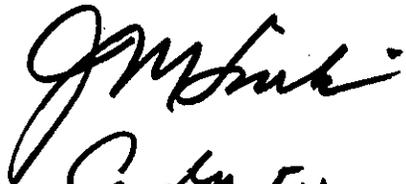
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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 19 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Land and Natural  
 20 Resources.

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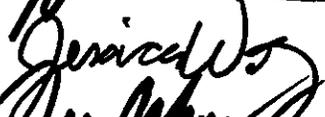
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