HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION.

WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation manages the State's small boat harbors and statewide ocean recreation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Division's responsibilities include enforcing laws and rules pertaining to boating safety and regulation of commercial activities, and overseeing permits for ocean recreation events such as yacht races, canoe regattas, and surfing contests; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, community members have expressed numerous concerns about the Division, particularly its lack of effective communication with the boating community, an inconsistent approach to interpreting and enforcing administrative rules, and repeated and prolific complaints across the State about division management, and ongoing issues of employee misconduct complaints and ethics violations; and

WHEREAS, it would be in the public interest for the Auditor to conduct a performance audit of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, in light of the public's long-standing concerns; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a performance audit of the Department of Land and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to examine whether the Division is using government resources in compliance with statutes, rules, and policies; whether the Division's activities are achieving their objectives; and whether those activities are being conducted effectively, efficiently, economically, ethically, and equitably; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of any findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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