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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REMOVE  
ABANDONED VEHICLES AND GARBAGE FROM PUBLIC PARKS AND  
BEACHES IN THE STATE WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS OF THE DATE  
THAT THE ABANDONED VEHICLE OR GARBAGE WAS REPORTED TO THE  
DEPARTMENT.

1 WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles and garbage in public parks and  
2 beaches have become a growing environmental concern, public  
3 safety risk, and public health issue; and  
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5 WHEREAS, places that have abandoned vehicles or that are  
6 heavily littered with garbage tend to attract illegal  
7 activities, since they deter the public from visiting and create  
8 privacy that invites illegal drug use, vandalism, graffiti,  
9 illegal dumping, and other harmful activities; and  
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11 WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles can remain in public parks and  
12 beaches for months at a time, leaking chemicals and other  
13 liquids into the ground and water that is toxic to the  
14 surrounding ecosystems; and  
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16 WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles frequently become occupied by  
17 homeless individuals; and  
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19 WHEREAS, public parks and beaches with abandoned vehicles  
20 or a large amount of garbage are areas where communities of  
21 homeless encampments tend to develop, and these encampments  
22 often monopolize the areas and restrict the public's access; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported on March 8,  
25 2018, that some Hawaii residents have complained that their  
26 local parks and beaches are so littered with discarded drug



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1 needles and used condoms that the area has become too dangerous  
2 for people to walk around and for children to play there; and  
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4 WHEREAS, there are some areas where people can no longer  
5 surf or swim because homeless individuals who camp at nearby  
6 beaches dump buckets of feces into the water, which makes  
7 surfers and swimmers who are in the water sick; and  
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9 WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles are frequently in unsafe  
10 conditions and positions, such that they can fall on people  
11 passing by who get too close or collapse on homeless individuals  
12 who camp inside; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the stench from the garbage and homeless  
15 encampments makes people no longer want to visit certain public  
16 parks and beaches; and  
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18 WHEREAS, removal of abandoned vehicles and garbage from  
19 public parks and beaches advances the State's commitment to  
20 protecting its beaches and keeping its public areas clean and  
21 safe for all users to enjoy; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
26 Natural Resources is urged to remove abandoned vehicles and  
27 garbage from public parks and beaches in the State within ten  
28 business days of the date that the abandoned vehicle or garbage  
29 was reported to the Department; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board  
33 of Land and Natural Resources and Mayor of each county.  
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