
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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
27 needles and used condoms that the area has become too dangerous
28 for people to walk around and for children to play there; and



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