
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY
ON THE PROCESS THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES USES TO REMOVE VESSELS STRANDED IN NEARSHORE
WATERS.

1 WHEREAS, the process of removing vessels found stranded in
2 nearshore waters is in need of evaluation; and
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4 WHEREAS, one example of a vessel stranded in nearshore
5 waters is a commercial fishing vessel called the Pacific
6 Paradise that ran aground on the beaches of Waikiki on October
7 10, 2017; and
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9 WHEREAS, salvage crews working on the Pacific Paradise took
10 nearly two months to remove the vessel through various means and
11 eventually brought the vessel further out to sea to be sunk, and
12 during the time that the salvage efforts were being made, the
13 vessel leaked oil and fuel, which caused a fire and damaged
14 shallow reefs; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Pacific Paradise was successfully removed on
17 December 7, 2017, after two months of various efforts to remove
18 the vessel, including preparing and patching its hull, removing
19 excess weight by pumping water, removing heavy spare parts
20 including sheet metal and the rudder, and adding additional
21 buoyancy while working in a challenging environment and weather;
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24 WHEREAS, the delayed removal of the stranded vessel exposed
25 the serious potential impact that stranded vessels can have on
26 Hawaii's nearshore waters; and
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28 WHEREAS, delays in addressing future vessel strandings may
29 have similar or even greater detrimental impacts on the
30 environment; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2018, that the Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to
4 conduct a study on the process that the Department of Land and
5 Natural Resources uses to remove stranded vessels in nearshore
6 waters; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the
9 Legislative Reference Bureau is requested to:

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- 11 (1) Review the department's process for the removal of
12 vessels stranded in nearshore waters;
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 - 14 (2) Identify the environmental impacts on the State's
15 nearshore resources that are caused by stranded
16 vessels;
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 - 18 (3) Consider ways to minimize environmental impacts
19 through the removal of stranded vessels;
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 - 21 (4) Examine the events that transpired during the Pacific
22 Paradise vessel stranding;
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 - 24 (5) Make recommendations on measures to prevent similar
25 vessel strandings in the future; and
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 - 27 (6) Provide an assessment of the extent of environmental
28 and economic damages caused by the Pacific Paradise
29 stranding; and
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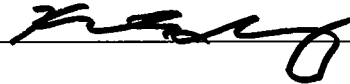
31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
32 Bureau is requested to include in its study a response plan for
33 future stranding events that includes possible ways to mitigate
34 the adverse effects of vessel strandings; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
37 Bureau is requested to submit its study, including proposed
38 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
39 to the Regular Session of 2019; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Land and Natural Resources and the Director of the Legislative
4 Reference Bureau.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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