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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO WAIVE ANY COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH A RIGHT-OF-ENTRY PERMIT TO ANY NONPROFIT ENTITY FOR PURPOSES OF HOLDING AN OCEAN RECREATION-RELATED TOURNAMENT, INCLUDING ANY ANCILLARY SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, due to its premier location in the middle of the
2 Pacific Ocean, Hawaii is known worldwide as one of the best
3 places for ocean fishing; and
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5 WHEREAS, every year, Hawaii is host to numerous fishing
6 tournaments that attract teams and spectators from all over the
7 world along with many planned events that spotlight Hawaii's
8 unique culture and scenic beauty, thereby generating revenue for
9 the State; and
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11 WHEREAS, as a landowner, the Department of Land and Natural
12 Resources (Department) receives numerous requests for short-term
13 temporary use of lands for a variety of purposes, including but
14 not limited to beach activities, such as surf meets, volleyball
15 tournaments, canoe races, and fishing tournaments; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Department issues rights-of-entry permits for
18 the right to enter unencumbered public lands for a minor,
19 temporary use that does not involve a land disposition for
20 entry; and
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22 WHEREAS, for fishing tournaments held in state waters, it
23 is necessary to temporarily have the exclusive use of certain
24 water areas for the purposes of engaging in competitive fishing;
25 these water areas include areas along the shoreline, use of
26 small boat harbors, and offshore mooring to facilitate the
27 fishing tournaments; and
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29 WHEREAS, accordingly, fishing tournament organizers are
30 required to apply for a right-of-entry permit for the temporary,
31 exclusive use of certain areas within state waters, shorelines,
32 and small boat harbors; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department is authorized to charge a fee for
2 the right-of-entry permit; and
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4 WHEREAS, permit fees may be cost prohibitive for some
5 nonprofit entities, which may discourage these entities from
6 holding these tournaments in Hawaii; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
10 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested
11 to waive any costs associated with a right-of-entry permit to
12 any nonprofit entity for purposes of holding an ocean
13 recreation-related tournament, including any ancillary services;
14 and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
18 Land and Natural Resources.
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OFFERED BY:

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