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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND COUNTY  
LAW ENFORCEMENT TO INCREASE THE ENFORCEMENT OF LAWS WITHIN  
BEACH TRANSIT CORRIDORS.

1           WHEREAS, state law and county ordinances require the  
2 construction and maintenance of beach transit corridors so that  
3 members of the public may access public beaches and the ocean;  
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6           WHEREAS, many beach transit corridors are located in  
7 residential areas, between two private properties; and

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9           WHEREAS, beach transit corridors have become a haven for  
10 criminal activity, including drug transactions, homeless  
11 sleeping, and illegal dumping; and

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13           WHEREAS, members of the public using beach transit  
14 corridors also play loud music in violation of noise ordinances  
15 and also make other loud noises that disrupt residents' quiet  
16 enjoyment of their property; and

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18           WHEREAS, residents who have attempted to remind beach  
19 transit corridors users of the law have been met with threats of  
20 physical violence; and

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22           WHEREAS, residents who contact law enforcement agencies  
23 regarding the criminal activities at beach transit corridors are  
24 met with officers who neglect to enforce the laws or refuse to  
25 take any action; and

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27           WHEREAS, pursuant to section 199-4(a), Hawaii Revised  
28 Statutes, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, through  
29 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, is one of the few



1 departments of the State with the authority to appoint its  
2 employees with police powers; and

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4 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 199-4(a), Hawaii Revised  
5 Statutes, persons appointed with police powers by the Board of  
6 Land and Natural Resources have the power to enforce all state  
7 laws and rules and county ordinances within lands and waters of  
8 the State; and

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10 WHEREAS, while the owners of lands adjacent to beach  
11 transit corridors have complied with their duties to maintain  
12 the corridors pursuant to section 115-10, Hawaii Revised  
13 Statutes, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and  
14 county law enforcement have failed to fulfill their duties to  
15 keep the corridors safe and to protect the residents of those  
16 neighborhoods from threats; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
21 Natural Resources and local county enforcement are urged to  
22 enforce the state laws and administrative rules and county  
23 ordinances within beach transit corridors; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
26 Natural Resources and county law enforcement are urged to  
27 increase their presence at beach transit corridors, including  
28 having a law enforcement officer physically visit the beach  
29 transit corridor multiple times per day; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
32 Natural Resources and county law enforcement are urged to  
33 install cameras, motion sensor lights, audio recording devices,  
34 and other fixtures at beach access corridors to assist in  
35 gathering evidence for the prosecution of criminal and other  
36 illegal activities conducted there and to deter other improper  
37 behavior; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
40 Natural Resources is urged to relocate, as allowed by law, any  
41 beach access corridors that the Department and county law  
42 enforcement cannot effectively monitor; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
3 Board of Land and Natural Resources and chief of police of each  
4 county.

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OFFERED BY:

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