
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, TO IMMEDIATELY AND REGULARLY CLEAN THE DRAINAGE CANALS AND STREAMS IN WAIMANALO, KANEOHE, AND KAILUA AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDED CLEANING SCHEDULES FOR DRAINAGE CANALS AND STREAMS.

1 WHEREAS, between 1915 and 2019, floods have caused more
2 than \$225,000,000 in damage on Oahu; and
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4 WHEREAS, without regular cleaning, human-made and natural
5 debris and sediment can accumulate in drainage canals and
6 streams, creating dams that block the canals and streams; and
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8 WHEREAS, according to the Federal Emergency Management
9 Agency, a blocked drainage canal increases the risk of frequent
10 overbank flooding; and
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12 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Data Book, Kaneohe
13 received 60.61 inches of rainfall in 2017; and
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15 WHEREAS, the lack of regular cleaning of drainage canals
16 and streams in Waimanalo, Kaneohe, and Kailua increases the risk
17 of flooding in surrounding homes; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Facility
22 Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu, in conjunction
23 with the United States Army Corps of Engineers and Department of
24 Environmental Services of the City and County of Honolulu, is
25 urged to immediately clean the drainage canals and streams in
26 Waimanalo, Kaneohe, and Kailua; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Facility
2 Maintenance, in conjunction with the United States Army Corps of
3 Engineers and Department of Environmental Services of the City
4 and County of Honolulu, is requested to develop recommended
5 cleaning schedules for drainage canals and streams and regularly
6 clean the drainage canals and streams in Waimanalo, Kaneohe, and
7 Kailua based on this schedule; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States Army
11 Corps of Engineers District Commander of the Honolulu District,
12 Director of the Department of Environmental Services of the City
13 and County of Honolulu, and Director and Chief Engineer of the
14 Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of
15 Honolulu.

