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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES'
DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION TO ESTABLISH AND
FORMALIZE THE HONOKOHAU SMALL BOAT HARBOR WORKING GROUP.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
2 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation is responsible for
3 administering the State's small boat harbor and ocean recreation
4 management programs; and

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6 WHEREAS, in 1991, the small boat harbor and ocean
7 recreation management programs transferred management from the
8 Department of Transportation to the Department of Land and
9 Natural Resources; and

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11 WHEREAS, the small boat harbor program includes management
12 and operation of the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, in addition to
13 fifteen other state small boat harbors, fourteen boat launching
14 ramps, five piers, wharves, and docks, three anchoring and
15 offshore mooring facilities, portions of Ka'anapali Beach,
16 portions of Waikiki Beach, and a portion of Waika'ea Canal; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
19 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation is grossly underfunded
20 with inadequate staffing with organizational challenges that
21 disproportionately affect the neighbor islands; and

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23 WHEREAS, in August 2018, the Division of Boating and Ocean
24 Recreation formed a working group composed of harbor users,
25 recreational users, commercial operators, key legislators, and
26 representatives from government to discuss potential uses and
27 revenue generating strategies for vacant lands at the Honokohau
28 Small Boat Harbor; and

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30 WHEREAS, the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor Working Group is
31 an important resource to boat operators, harbor users, and the



1 ocean-going public at large, and has greatly assisted the
2 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
7 and Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
8 is requested to formalize the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor
9 Working Group to function as the management authority of
10 Honokohau Small Boat Harbor; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
13 to:

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15 (1) Establish bylaws;
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17 (2) Create a sustainable business plan with community
18 support;
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20 (3) Explore the private-public framework and other
21 management and planning opportunities for the
22 management and operation of small boat harbors that
23 would allow for the State to contract harbor
24 management or lease its assets to a private entity
25 while retaining ownership, governmental oversight, and
26 control of fees as their first order of business;
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28 (4) Develop guidelines for new marina management rules, to
29 be adopted by the Department of Land and Natural
30 Resources pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised
31 Statutes, to address issues such as operations,
32 enforcement, fee schedules, and performance standards
33 for the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor;
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35 (5) Undertake the duties of performing harbor management,
36 maintenance, and improvement project tasks under the
37 supervision of the Division of Boating and Ocean
38 Recreation;
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40 (6) Cooperate with and aid the Department of Land and
41 Natural Resources and other public and private
42 agencies involved in developing and implementing



1 programs related to the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor;
2 and

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4 (7) Review any bids or contractual agreements relating to
5 Honokohau Small Boat Harbor that were formalized on or
6 after January 1, 2020; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
9 to include but is not limited to:

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11 (1) The Deputy Director of Land and Natural Resources, or
12 their designee;
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14 (2) The Administrator of the Division of Boating and Ocean
15 Recreation, or the administrator's designee;
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17 (3) The member of the Senate representing Senate District
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20 (4) The member of the House of Representatives
21 representing House District 6;
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23 (5) One representative of the Governor;
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25 (6) Two members appointed by the Deputy Director of Land
26 and Natural Resources from among the membership of the
27 Hawaii Fishing and Boating Association; provided that
28 these members are current occupants and represent
29 different categories of marine users, such as charter
30 boat operators, commercial fishers, tour boat
31 operators, and recreational boaters;
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33 (7) Two community-at-large members appointed by the
34 Senator representing Senate District 3; and
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36 (8) Two community-at-large members appointed by the
37 Representative representing House District 6; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
40 to select a chair from among its members; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is encouraged
2 to comply with chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Boating and
5 Ocean Recreation is requested to cooperate with the working
6 group to:
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8 (1) Conduct meetings virtually;
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10 (2) Meet bi-monthly; and
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12 (3) Submit quarterly reports of its findings and
13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
14 to the Legislature beginning in 2022, and for three
15 years thereafter; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
18 to dissolve on June 30, 2026; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
22 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and
23 Administrator of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation.
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OFFERED BY: 

