
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII 2.0 COMMITTEE TO PROVIDE A SOLUTION FOR
MAINTAINING CRITICAL SERVICES BY INCLUDING LIFEGUARD
SALARIES IN THE STATE'S RECOVERY PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, ocean safety officers, or lifeguards, serve an
2 essential function in a state surrounded by ocean waters; and
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4 WHEREAS, lifeguards serve as primary responders for
5 emergencies on the beaches and in near shore waters, performing
6 ocean rescue, injury prevention, emergency medical first
7 response, and dispatch mobile patrol; and
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9 WHEREAS, lifeguards allow the public to enjoy the natural
10 beauty of Hawai'i's waters and contribute to the State's
11 reputation as a desirable place to live and visit; and
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13 WHEREAS, maintaining service levels has become even more
14 critical over the past several decades due to a significant
15 increase in ocean and beach use, including kayak rentals, stand
16 up paddling, and surf instruction activities; and
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18 WHEREAS, it is in the interest of public health, safety,
19 and economic resiliency to provide funding for salaries,
20 benefits, equipment, and other related expenses for state-funded
21 lifeguards at state beaches; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
24 Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2021,
25 that the Hawai'i 2.0 Committee is urged to provide a feasible
26 solution for maintaining critical services by including
27 lifeguard salaries in the State's recovery plan; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Co-Chiefs of the Hawai'i 2.0
3 Committee.
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OFFERED BY:



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