
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO INCREASE FINES, FEES,
AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS REGARDING TOUR BUS OPERATORS WHO
VIOLATE STATE LAW.

1 WHEREAS, the abatement of the coronavirus disease 2019
2 (COVID-19) pandemic, availability of COVID-19 vaccinations, and
3 easing of travel restrictions are expected to bring record
4 numbers of visitors to Hawaii; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
7 and Tourism forecasts that visitor arrivals to the State will
8 reach or exceed pre-pandemic numbers by 2024; and

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10 WHEREAS, many visitors to the State participate in group
11 excursions and navigate Hawaii's islands by tour bus; and

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13 WHEREAS, some tour bus operators have negatively impacted
14 the daily lives of the State's residents by monopolizing parking
15 spots, blocking residential driveways, and dropping off
16 passengers in locations that make roadways unsafe; and

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18 WHEREAS, in the year prior to the pandemic, the Public
19 Utilities Commission issued seventy-four citations for
20 violations by tour bus operators, with many bus operators
21 accruing multiple citations; and

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23 WHEREAS, greater deterrents are needed to ensure that tour
24 bus operators do not endanger or inconvenience the State's
25 residents by repeatedly violating state law; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2022, that the Public Utilities Commission is urged to
30 increase fines, fees, and enforcement efforts regarding tour bus
31 operators who violate state law; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Business,
3 Economic Development, and Tourism; and Chairperson and all
4 members of the Public Utilities Commission.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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