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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO FORMULATE AND IMPLEMENT POLICIES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF RISING SEA LEVELS ON THE STATE'S COASTLINE, INCLUDING BEACHES.

1 WHEREAS, the effect of sea level rise caused by climate
2 change, including the global melting of ice caps, has been
3 significant for Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to data from the National Oceanic and
6 Atmospheric Administration, the sea level around Hilo Bay has
7 risen by ten inches since 1950, and recently, the speed of sea
8 level rise has accelerated to approximately one inch every four
9 years; and
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11 WHEREAS, coastal erosion has caused the loss of thirteen
12 miles of beaches around the State, including ten percent of
13 beaches on Oahu, and seventy percent of beaches around the State
14 are currently threatened; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning
19 and Sustainable Development is requested to:
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21 (1) Formulate and implement a statewide policy to mitigate
22 the impacts of rising sea levels on Hawai'i's
23 coastline, including its beaches;
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25 (2) Conduct a comprehensive study on the effects of rising
26 sea levels on the coastlines, including beaches, of
27 each county, including the impact on beach parks under
28 the jurisdiction of the counties; and
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30 (3) Submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
31 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature



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1 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
2 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Office
6 of Planning and Sustainable Development.
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OFFERED BY: _____

