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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES'
DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION'S EFFORTS TO
EXECUTE ITS IMPROVEMENT MASTERPLAN FOR THE HONOKOHAU SMALL
BOAT HARBOR.

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, the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor, under the
7 stewardship of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, has
8 become a significant gathering place for the West Hawai'i
9 community, where local fishermen launch their boats to fish the
10 world-famous Kona Coast and small, local businesses conduct
11 their commercial operations including fishing charters, manta
12 ray dives, glass bottom boat cruises, and snorkel cruises, in
13 addition to many other ventures; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor currently holds
16 the capacity of two hundred and sixty-two moorings for boat
17 storage, three ramps for offloading and onloading of boats
18 stored elsewhere, a vessel washdown area, fuel facility, harbor
19 office, and two comfort stations; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor sustains two
22 hundred local businesses, making it the largest single
23 contributor to West Hawai'i's gross domestic product (GDP),
24 generating \$2 million directly to the State annually and over
25 \$100 million to Hawai'i's GDP; and

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27 WHEREAS, in August 2018, the Division of Boating and Ocean
28 Recreation formed a working group composed of harbor users,
29 recreational users, commercial operators, key legislators, and
30 representatives from government to discuss potential uses and



1 revenue generating strategies for vacant lands at the Honokohau
2 Small Boat Harbor; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor Working Group is
5 an important resource to boat operators, harbor users, and the
6 ocean-going public at large, and has greatly assisted the
7 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to craft its
8 improvement masterplan for the heavily-used resource, with a
9 focus on providing a strong sense of place, supporting the local
10 ocean economy, perpetuating the cultural heritage of the State,
11 protecting the health and vitality of the nearshore ecosystem,
12 preparing for the impacts of climate change, and supporting the
13 advancement of scientific research; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Honokohau Small Boat Harbor improvement
16 masterplan considers the Harbor's immediate needs, while also
17 planning for future expansion; now, therefore,

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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
21 House of Representatives concurring, that this body supports the
22 ongoing efforts by the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
23 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation to execute its
24 priorities for Honokohau Small Boat Harbor as outlined in its
25 improvement masterplan; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
28 Natural Resources' Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, in
29 collaboration with the informal Honokohau Small Boat Harbor
30 Working Group, is requested to submit a report outlining
31 recommendations regarding steps necessary to execute its
32 improvement masterplan, including any proposed legislation, to
33 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening
34 of the Regular Session of 2023; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,



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1 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
2 Administrator of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation,
3 and Mayor of the County of Hawai'i.

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