
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL, TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY ON KANEOHE BAY TO QUANTIFY THE AMOUNT OF NON-PERMITTED COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY THAT IS OPERATING IN VIOLATION OF THE KANEOHE BAY MASTER PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan was developed pursuant
2 to Act 208, Session Laws of Hawaii 1990, to establish a
3 framework for the sustainable management of Kaneohe Bay's
4 natural resources while accommodating a variety of uses; and
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6 WHEREAS, a compromise among competing interests resulted in
7 a cap on the number of commercial enterprises and volume of
8 commercial activity that would be permitted in Kaneohe Bay; and
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10 WHEREAS, the vision set forth by the Kaneohe Bay Master
11 Plan continues to center on the preservation and protection of
12 Kaneohe Bay's natural resources for the continued enjoyment of
13 Hawaii's people; and
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15 WHEREAS, limits on commercial activity have been exceeded
16 by other activities not previously envisioned, and by new
17 technologies that support their proliferation; and
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19 WHEREAS, examples of expanded commercial activity include
20 non-permitted or non-compliant boat excursions from Heeia Kea
21 Small Boat Harbor and pre-positioned kayak rentals at Heeia
22 State Park that are advertised, coordinated, and paid online;
23 now, therefore;
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
28 and Natural Resources Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation,



1 in consultation with the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council, is
2 requested to conduct a study of commercial activity on Kaneohe
3 Bay to quantify the amount of non-permitted commercial activity
4 that is operating in violation of the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan;
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is also requested to
8 investigate challenges to enforcement against illegal commercial
9 activity at Kaneohe Bay and offer recommendations to improve
10 compliance with the Kaneohe Bay Master Plan; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
13 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and
14 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
15 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
16 the Regular Session of 2023; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Administrator of the
20 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation and Chairperson of the
21 Kaneohe Bay Regional Council.

