
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FACILITY MAINTENANCE OF THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CLEAN CERTAIN STREAMS AND CANALS
IN WAIPAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the maintenance of many streams and canals on the
2 island of Oahu fall under the jurisdiction of the Department of
3 Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the lack of stream and canal maintenance often
6 leads to clogged, overgrown or debris-filled streams and canals
7 that function poorly, especially during rain events, and can
8 result in local flooding and other safety hazards; and
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10 WHEREAS, Waikele Stream, the canal adjacent to Bill Balfour
11 Jr. Waipahu District Park that intersects Paiwa Street, and the
12 canal along Honowai Park and Honowai Elementary are examples of
13 stream and canals that have debris and are overgrown with fast-
14 growing vegetation that increase siltation, increase breaches
15 that flood adjacent properties, and impair water flow to the
16 streams, canals, and lochs; and
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18 WHEREAS, community members who live near Waipahu streams
19 and canals often feel responsible for maintaining them even when
20 it is the responsibility of the Department of Facility
21 Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu to ensure the
22 proper maintenance of streams and canals under its jurisdiction
23 for the safety and well-being of the public and the environment;
24 now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2023, that the Department of Facility Maintenance of
29 the City and County of Honolulu is requested to clean the
30 following stream and canals in Waipahu:
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32 (1) Waikele Stream;



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- (2) The canal adjacent to Bill Balfour Jr. Waipahu District Park that intersects Paiwa Street; and
- (3) The canal along Honowai Park and Honowai Elementary; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu and Chief Engineer of the Department of Facility Maintenance of the City and County of Honolulu.

OFFERED BY: 

MAR 10 2023

