
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO ADDRESS NO-TRESPASSING POLICIES ALONG STREAMS ON OAHU AND IMPROVE COORDINATION BETWEEN STATE AND COUNTY AUTHORITIES TO ADDRESS ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH CONCERNS.

1 WHEREAS, streams on Oahu are vital resources that serve as
2 cultural and community landmarks and provide essential
3 ecological functions, including flood management, water quality
4 preservation, and habitats for native species; and
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6 WHEREAS, the presence of encampments along streams create
7 environmental hazards, such as improper waste disposal that
8 pollutes waterways and harms the natural ecosystems connect to
9 the streams, including the Ala Wai canal and nearshore waters;
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12 WHEREAS, the presence of encampments in and near streams
13 poses significant safety and health risks to individuals
14 experiencing homelessness, who may face life-threatening
15 conditions during floods, exposure to biohazards, and inadequate
16 access to necessary resources; and
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18 WHEREAS, the lack of clear and coordinated enforcement
19 between state and county authorities has allowed unsafe
20 conditions to persist, resulting in blocked floodways and
21 emergency rescues, and caused harm to the broader community and
22 environment; and
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24 WHEREAS, addressing these challenges requires a multi-
25 stakeholder approach that fosters collaboration between state
26 and local government organizations and community representatives
27 to develop compassionate, effective, and sustainable solutions;
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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Law Enforcement, in collaboration with the Department of Health, is requested to convene a task force to address no-trespassing policies along streams on Oahu and improve coordination between State and county authorities to address environmental and public health concerns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to consist of the following members:

- (1) The Director of Law Enforcement, or the Director's designee;
- (2) The Director of Health, or the Director's designee;
- (3) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the Mayor's designee;
- (4) The chairperson of the House of Representatives standing committee with primary jurisdiction over housing, or the chairperson's designee; and
- (5) The chairperson of the Senate standing committee with primary jurisdiction over water and land, or the chairperson's designee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to invite the following community members to participate on the task force, to be selected as follows:

- (1) One member to be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (2) One member to be selected by the President of the Senate;
- (3) One member to be selected by the Governor; and



1 (4) One member to be selected by the Mayor of the City and
2 County of Honolulu; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:

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6 (1) Develop recommendations for implementing no-
7 trespassing policies along streams on Oahu, with a
8 focus on humane enforcement practices;

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10 (2) Propose strategies to improve coordination between
11 state and county agencies in addressing encampments
12 along streams on Oahu;

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14 (3) Identify resources and outreach programs necessary to
15 connect individuals experiencing homelessness who are
16 encamped along streams on Oahu to services providing
17 shelter, health care, or permanent housing; and

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19 (4) Evaluate environmental impacts of encampments and
20 propose measures to mitigate pollution and protect
21 water quality; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
24 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
25 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
26 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
27 2026; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
30 convene no later than August 1, 2025; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall cease to
33 exist on June 30, 2026; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
37 of Law Enforcement, Director of Health, and Mayor of the City
38 and County of Honolulu.

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OFFERED BY: *M. J. ...*

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