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HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO OPEN KEAWA'ULA AND MĀKUA BEACHES FOR EXTENDED HOURS AND CAMPING.

1 WHEREAS, Keawa'ula Beach is a section of Ka'ena Point State Park which falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of 2 3 Land and Natural Resources; and 4 WHEREAS, the beach is currently open from 6 AM to 7 PM 5 6 daily; and 7 WHEREAS, camping falls under the list of activities that 8 9 are not permitted; and 10 WHEREAS, despite the "no camping" rule, many people still 11 camp and barbeque at this location, often without repercussions; 12 and 13 14 WHEREAS, Mākua Beach is also part of the Ka'ena Point State 15 Park, falling under the purview of the department where camping 16 is also not permitted; and 17 18 WHEREAS, Mākua Beach is leased to the State by the United 19 20 States Army; and 21 WHEREAS, these beaches serve as a highly desirable spot of 22 recreation for residents and tourists alike; and 23 24 WHEREAS, reports of illegal camping and beachgoers staying 25 beyond parks hours creates a safety concern; now, therefore, 26 27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 28 29 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged 30 to extend hours and camping regulations to the Keawa'ula and 31 Mākua Beaches from Friday morning through Sunday evening to 32

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