
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF
LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO COORDINATE THE TRANSFER OF
SMALL BOAT HARBORS BACK TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND TO ESTABLISH A MANAGEMENT TEAM TO DEVELOP TRANSITION
PLANS.

1 WHEREAS, Act 272, Session Laws of Hawaii 1991 (Act 272),
2 transferred the administration of the State's small boat harbors
3 from the Department of Transportation to the Department of Land
4 and Natural Resources; and

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6 WHEREAS, Act 272 included transition provisions requiring
7 the establishment of a joint management team to ensure
8 continuity of operations, personnel alignment, and
9 administrative readiness during the transfer period; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Legislature now seeks to return the small boat
12 harbor program to the Department of Transportation to better
13 align harbor planning, capital programming, operations, and
14 maintenance with the State's integrated, multimodal
15 transportation system; and

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17 WHEREAS, the transfer of authority, staff, operations, and
18 assets requires a structured transition process, sufficient lead
19 time, and clear accountability to ensure uninterrupted services
20 and responsible stewardship of public resources; and

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22 WHEREAS, while the transfer of full regulatory authority,
23 responsibilities, and jurisdiction over the State's small boat
24 harbors would require statutory amendments through the enactment
25 of laws, the Legislature finds value in initiating coordinated
26 planning to ensure that any prospective transition proceeds in
27 an orderly and informed manner; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
4 Transportation and Department of Land and Natural Resources are
5 requested to coordinate the transfer of all authority,
6 responsibilities, positions, staff, operations, programs,
7 assets, funds, and accounts associated with the State's small
8 boat harbors back to the Department of Transportation; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
11 and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources are
12 requested to establish a management team to coordinate the
13 transfer; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Transportation
16 and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources are
17 requested to designate or assign necessary staff to support the
18 management team in developing and implementing transition plans;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the management team is
22 requested to develop transition and implementation plans
23 necessary to ensure that the transferred functions and personnel
24 are operational within the Department of Transportation,
25 including, at a minimum:
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- 27 (1) Reworking position descriptions and reviewing
28 personnel classifications;
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- 30 (2) Developing an organizational structure for
31 administering small boat harbors within the Department
32 of Transportation; and
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- 34 (3) Addressing operational, administrative, and
35 personnel-related matters necessary for an orderly
36 transfer; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the management team is
39 requested to submit a report of its findings and
40 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
41 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
42 the Regular Session of 2027; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

OFFERED BY: *Jayron Mizales*

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