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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RECREATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP A PROGRESSIVE ENFORCEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR PARKING VIOLATIONS IN PARKING LOTS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION; ENSURE PROPER USE OF PARKING AREAS BY INTENDED USERS; AND IMPROVE THE PREVALENCE AND CLARITY OF SIGNAGE REGARDING PARKING REGULATIONS, FEES, AND PENALTIES.

1           WHEREAS, the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation  
2 (DOBOR) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources is  
3 tasked with thirteen statutory mandates, primarily including the  
4 operation and management of the State's small boat harbors and  
5 the administration of the Ocean Recreation Management Program;  
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8           WHEREAS, there are currently sixteen small boat harbors  
9 across the State under the jurisdiction of DOBOR, along with  
10 corresponding parking areas within each small boat harbor; and

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12           WHEREAS, parking areas at Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor and  
13 Maalaea Small Boat Harbor are managed under respective parking  
14 concessions, with certain parking users assessed parking fees;  
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17           WHEREAS, it is not in the best interest of the State or the  
18 public to assign the limited numbers of Division of Conservation  
19 and Resources Enforcement officers to routine parking citation  
20 duties when their specialized training and mission are focused  
21 on enforcing laws that protect natural and cultural resources  
22 statewide; and

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24           WHEREAS, although towing may be the most efficient  
25 enforcement mechanism in parking lots under the jurisdiction of  
26 DOBOR, towing may cause detrimental impacts to the vehicle owner



1 or operator for relatively minor violations in certain  
2 instances; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources has  
5 already approved the use of License Plate Recognition technology  
6 for Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, and DOBOR is currently  
7 implementing a parking monitoring contract with the parking  
8 concessionaire to use License Plate Recognition technology; and  
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10 WHEREAS, other state agencies, including the Department of  
11 Accounting and General Services, have deputized members of their  
12 respective staffs to be able to provide vehicular citations in  
13 lieu of relying on contracts for towing; now, therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Division of  
18 Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of Land and  
19 Natural Resources is urged to develop and implement a  
20 progressive enforcement framework for parking violations in  
21 parking lots under the Division's jurisdiction, including the  
22 provision of clear warnings for parking violations before  
23 resorting to towing vehicles that are in violation; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOBOR is urged to ensure the  
26 appropriate use of parking areas by intended users and to  
27 enforce penalties against drivers who improperly use and abuse  
28 free parking; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOBOR is urged to improve the  
31 prevalence and clarity of signage regarding parking regulations,  
32 fees, and penalties; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOBOR is encouraged to fully  
35 implement parking monitoring contracts that include License  
36 Plate Recognition technology for all parking areas under its  
37 jurisdiction and to consider deputizing its staff, as  
38 appropriate, to issue parking citations as an additional means  
39 of enforcing parking violations; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,



- 1 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
- 2 Administrator of the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation,
- 3 and Enforcement Chief of the Division of Conservation and
- 4 Resources Enforcement.

