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SENATE 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 of
2 the Department of Land and Natural Resources is tasked with
3 thirteen statutory mandates, primarily including the operation
4 and management of the State's small boat harbors and the
5 administration of the Ocean Recreation Management Program; and

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7 WHEREAS, there are currently sixteen small boat harbors
8 across the State under the jurisdiction of the Division of
9 Boating and Ocean Recreation, along with corresponding parking
10 areas within each small boat harbor; and

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12 WHEREAS, parking areas at Ala Wai small boat harbor and
13 Maalea 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 the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, that may cause
27 detrimental impacts to the vehicle owner or operator for
28 relatively minor violations in certain instances; now,
29 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
3 that the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the
4 Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to develop and
5 implement a progressive enforcement framework for parking
6 violations in parking lots under the Division's jurisdiction,
7 including the provision of clear warnings for parking violations
8 before resorting to towing vehicles that are in violation; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division is urged to ensure
11 the appropriate use of parking areas by intended users and to
12 enforce penalties against drivers who improperly use and abuse
13 free parking; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division is urged to
16 improve the prevalence and clarity of signage regarding parking
17 regulations, fees, and penalties; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
21 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the
22 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, and Enforcement Chief
23 of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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