
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
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 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 DOBOR, towing may cause detrimental impacts to the vehicle owner
27 or operator for relatively minor violations in certain
28 instances; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Board of Land and Natural Resources has
 2 already approved the use of License Plate Recognition (LPR)
 3 technology for Ala Wai Small Boat Harbor, and DOBOR is currently
 4 implementing a parking monitoring contract with the parking
 5 concessionaire to use LPR technology; and

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 7 WHEREAS, other state agencies, including the Department of
 8 Accounting and General Services, have deputized members of their
 9 respective staffs to be able to provide vehicular citations in
 10 lieu of relying on contracts for towing; now, therefore,

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
 13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
 14 that the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the
 15 Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to develop and
 16 implement a progressive enforcement framework for parking
 17 violations in parking lots under the Division's jurisdiction,
 18 including the provision of clear warnings for parking violations
 19 before resorting to towing vehicles that are in violation; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOBOR is urged to ensure the
 22 appropriate use of parking areas by intended users and to
 23 enforce penalties against drivers who improperly use and abuse
 24 free parking; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOBOR is urged to improve the
 27 prevalence and clarity of signage regarding parking regulations,
 28 fees, and penalties; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DOBOR is encouraged to fully
 31 implement parking monitoring contracts that include LPR
 32 technology for all parking areas under its jurisdiction and to
 33 consider deputizing their staff, as appropriate, to issue
 34 parking citations as an additional means of enforcing parking
 35 violations; and

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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 38 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
 39 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the
 40 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation, and Enforcement Chief
 41 of the Division of Conservation and Resources Enforcement.

