
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, WITH
THE ASSISTANCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, TO
STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF A PRIVATE-PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP TO
DEVELOP A BOAT MARINA NEAR KEEHI LAGOON.

1 WHEREAS, small boat harbors, as centers of economic and
2 recreational activity, constitute significant assets of the
3 State, and their proper maintenance and operation allow Hawaii
4 residents to benefit from the State's natural resources by
5 engaging in recreational boating, commercial and personal
6 fishing, and small business operations; and
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8 WHEREAS, in addition, visitors and residents alike use
9 small boat harbors and launch ramps to participate in local,
10 regional, and international yacht races, fishing tournaments,
11 canoe regattas, surfing, and other water sports contests; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 1992, the Legislature transferred the operation
14 of small boat harbors and boat ramps from the Department of
15 Transportation to the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
16 reasoning that all recreational programs of the State should be
17 administered by one department and that the needs of the boating
18 community would be better served by the Department of Land and
19 Natural Resources; and
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21 WHEREAS, according to the Audit of the Management of Small
22 Boat Harbors and Boat Ramps, conducted by the Auditor in 1998,
23 the Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Boating
24 and Ocean Recreation administers twenty-one small boat harbors;
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27 WHEREAS, of particular interest and importance on Oahu is
28 Keehi Harbor and Lagoon, which holds the promise of becoming the
29 preeminent marina of the Pacific; and
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1 WHEREAS, its potential has been studied and well
2 documented, including a study by Edward K. Noda and Associates
3 and Eugene P. Dashiell, AICP in 1987, which recommended a plan
4 for Keehi Harbor and Lagoon that benefits both ocean recreation
5 and commercial development and that provides extensive
6 opportunities for the greatest variety of ocean recreation
7 facilities in any single location in the State; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation's Commercial
10 Harbors 2020 Master Plan also cited the importance of Keehi
11 Harbor and Lagoon; and
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13 WHEREAS, Keehi Harbor and Lagoon is located on the south
14 coast of Oahu, approximately five miles from Waikiki Beach, with
15 three hundred eighty-nine berths, and amenities including a boat
16 ramp and fish hoist, vessel washdown, a harbor office,
17 restrooms, and showers; and
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19 WHEREAS, Keehi Lagoon also has two hundred and two moorings
20 and dingy docks; and
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22 WHEREAS, Keehi Harbor and Lagoon will need additional
23 financial and other resources if further development is to
24 occur; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
29 Land and Natural Resources, with the assistance of the
30 Department of Transportation, is requested to study the
31 feasibility of a private-public partnership to develop a boat
32 marina near Keehi Lagoon, with a portion of the revenue from any
33 such facility to be reserved for improvements of the small boat
34 harbor at Keehi Lagoon, and a portion reserved for deposit in
35 the Boating Special Fund, under section 248-8, Hawaii Revised
36 Statutes, for improvements to small boat harbors throughout the
37 State; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
40 consult with the Keehi Boat Club and any other interested
41 parties as deemed appropriate; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
 2 report on the findings and recommendations no later than twenty
 3 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

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 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 7 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of
 8 Transportation, and the Keehi Boat Club.

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