
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
CONDUCT A STUDY OF PRIVATE BOATING FACILITIES STATEWIDE AND
DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF GENERATING ADDITIONAL REVENUES
FROM COMMERCIAL OPERATIONS OCCURRING AT OR FROM THESE
FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, as an ocean state, Hawaii has an ancient seafaring
2 heritage, one that encompasses a history of using the sea for
3 transportation, sustenance, and recreation; and
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5 WHEREAS, the waters of Hawaii provide some of the most
6 exciting and beautiful ocean recreation opportunities in the
7 world and currently supports an \$800 million ocean recreation
8 industry; and
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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii's small boat harbors and ramps serve as
11 gateways to this resource and are under the control of the
12 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation of the Department of
13 Land and Natural Resources which administers programs, manages
14 facilities and issues permits to facilitate access to this
15 resource and to make Hawaii's nearshore waters safe for
16 everyone; and
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18 WHEREAS, while the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation
19 currently has jurisdiction over 20 public small boat harbors and
20 16 independent boat ramps, many private boating facilities also
21 exist throughout the State; and
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23 WHEREAS, commercial operations, such as ocean tours and
24 scuba and snorkeling excursions, currently operate out of these
25 private boating facilities; and
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27 WHEREAS, during these austere economic times, studying the
28 feasibility of assessing fees similar to those currently being



1 assessed of commercial operations at public boating facilities
2 appears to be a worthwhile endeavor; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Division of Boating and
7 Ocean Recreation of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
8 is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of assessing
9 fees for commercial operations that occur at or commence from
10 private boating facilities and use the nearshore waters of the
11 State to generate revenue that are similar to fees currently
12 assessed on commercial operations occurring at or commencing
13 from public boating facilities; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
16 Natural Resources submit a report of its findings and
17 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
18 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
19 Regular Session of 2012; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Director of Land and
23 Natural Resources.
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