
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A SUNRISE REVIEW OF REGULATIONS FOR ZIPLINES AND
CANOPY TOURS.

1 WHEREAS, ziplines and canopy tours are a unique and
2 exciting way to experience the beauty of Hawaii's natural
3 landscape; and
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5 WHEREAS, there are ziplines or canopy tours on most
6 islands, including Hawaii Island, Maui, Oahu, and Kauai where
7 locals and tourists alike can experience the thrill of soaring
8 above the trees and over such natural wonders as waterfalls and
9 gullies; and
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11 WHEREAS, ziplines and canopy tours are among the fastest
12 growing segments of the State's activities and attractions,
13 providing a distinctive experience for those who visit the
14 islands and bring memories home; and
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16 WHEREAS, ziplines and canopy tours are inherently
17 dangerous, with several mechanical functions that require close
18 supervision and fastidious attention to detail; and
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20 WHEREAS, it is imperative that the State ensure the safety
21 and well-being of those who enjoy Hawaii's scenic landscape via
22 ziplines and canopy tours offered throughout the islands; and
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24 WHEREAS, ziplines and canopy tours can be safe and easily
25 used, but operators and employees must be adequately trained and
26 infrastructure must be properly maintained; and
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28 WHEREAS, regulations for ziplines and canopy tours have
29 already been established by two trade groups in the United
30 States--the Association for Challenge Course Technology and the
31 Professional Ropes Course Association; and
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1 WHEREAS, section 26H-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),
2 requires a review by the Auditor prior to the enactment of a
3 measure that would subject an unregulated profession or vocation
4 to licensing or other regulatory control; and
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6 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2433, S.D. 2, heard at a public
7 hearing in the Regular Session of 2012, proposes regulations for
8 ziplines and canopy tours which are currently unregulated; and
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10 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2433, S.D. 2, calls upon the
11 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to conduct the
12 inspections of ziplines and canopy tours; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations
15 testified at the public hearing on Senate Bill No. 2433, S.D. 2,
16 that its boiler and elevator inspectors would need to develop
17 expertise to undertake inspections of ziplines and canopy tours;
18 now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to
23 perform a sunrise review on the regulation of ziplines and
24 canopy tours as proposed in Senate Bill No. 2433, S.D. 2,
25 Regular Session of 2012, including an assessment of alternative
26 forms of regulation, pursuant to section 26H-6, HRS; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor specifically
29 address the issues of inspectors and inspector qualifications
30 raised by the Department of Labor and Industrial Relations in
31 testimony on Senate Bill No. 2433, S.D. 2, Regular Session of
32 2012; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
35 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
36 legislation, to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior
37 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
40 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

