
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PROHIBIT JUMPING AND DIVING INTO THE OCEAN AT SPITTING CAVES IN HAWAII KAI.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the most beautiful areas on
2 Earth; and

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4 WHEREAS, residents and visitors alike can experience this
5 beauty through our lush forests, sweeping mountains, and
6 pristine beaches and coastline; and

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8 WHEREAS, this beauty can be misleading and Mother Nature
9 can always pose a threat; and

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11 WHEREAS, we must always be cognizant of these dangers and
12 ensure our residents and visitors have safe and secure
13 experiences in Hawaii; and

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15 WHEREAS, there is an especially dangerous location in
16 Hawaii Kai known as Spitting Caves, so named because after waves
17 hit the back of the cave, water is spit back out the front, and
18 where swimmers jump from the cliffs into the surf below; and

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20 WHEREAS, at least eight people have drowned at Spitting
21 Caves since 2000, with more deaths in the years before as well;
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24 WHEREAS, on October 24, 2015, a man died while cliff
25 jumping off Spitting Caves, and just ten days prior on October
26 14, 2015, a sixteen-year old boy had to be rescued by ocean
27 safety personnel after cliff jumping there as well; and

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29 WHEREAS, in early June of 2014, after jumping into the
30 water, a woman was unable to make it back onshore and was swept
31 out to sea before rescue personnel could reach her and was later
32 pronounced dead at the scene; and



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1 WHEREAS, in early April 2014, after jumping into the water
 2 from the cliffs and getting swept out to sea, lifeguards found a
 3 man under 10-12 feet of water and took him to Koko Marina where
 4 he later died at the hospital; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 8 Session of 2016, that this body hereby urges the City Council
 9 and Mayor of Honolulu to adopt legislation prohibiting jumping
 10 and diving into the water at Spitting Caves; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Parks and
 13 Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to
 14 update the signage at Spitting Caves to reflect the new
 15 prohibition on jumping or diving into the water from the cliffs;
 16 and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Resolution be transmitted to each of the councilmembers the City
 20 Council of Honolulu, Mayor of Honolulu, and the Director of the
 21 Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of
 22 Honolulu.

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