
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING SUPPORT FOR THE GOAL OF EFFECTIVELY MANAGING THIRTY
PERCENT OF NEARSHORE WATERS BY 2030.

1 WHEREAS, Presidential Proclamation 9478, issued on August
2 26, 2016, emphasized the need to provide critical protections in
3 the nearshore areas around the Papahānaumokuākea Marine National
4 Monument for more than 7,000 marine species, including whales
5 and sea turtles listed under the Endangered Species Act and the
6 longest-living marine species in the world, black coral, which
7 live longer than 4,500 years; and

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9 WHEREAS, as ocean acidification, warming, and other impacts
10 of climate change threaten marine ecosystems, expanding the
11 Monument will improve ocean resilience, help the region's
12 distinct physical and biological resources adapt, and create a
13 natural laboratory that will allow scientists to monitor and
14 explore the impacts of climate change on these fragile
15 ecosystems; and

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17 WHEREAS, the expanded Monument area, including the
18 archipelago and its adjacent waters, is considered a sacred
19 place for the Native Hawaiian community, plays a significant
20 role in Native Hawaiian creation and settlement stories, and is
21 used to practice important activities like traditional long-
22 distance voyaging and wayfinding; and

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24 WHEREAS, to improve the resilience of corals and ensure
25 their continued benefit to the State, local stressors that are
26 within our control need to be effectively managed, including
27 sediment and nutrient runoff from land, invasive species, and
28 illegal and unsustainable fishing; and



H.C.R. NO. 209

1 WHEREAS, the State's commitment to effectively manage
 2 30 per cent of Hawaii's nearshore waters by 2030 should be
 3 echoed throughout all state and county agencies that manage
 4 coastal zones; and

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 6 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
 7 should exercise its stewardship responsibility for managing,
 8 administering, and exercising control over lands, waters, and
 9 natural resources within the State's jurisdiction; now,
 10 therefore,

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the
 15 Department of Land and Natural Resources to support the goal of
 16 effectively managing 30 per cent of nearshore waters by 2030;
 17 and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
 20 Natural Resources collaborate with the Office of Hawaiian
 21 Affairs in the perpetuation of Hawaiian cultural resources
 22 within the nearshore waters area, including the customary and
 23 traditional rights and practices of Native Hawaiians exercised
 24 for subsistence, cultural, and religious purposes under Section
 25 7 of Article XII of the State Constitution; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
 28 Natural Resources report its findings and recommendations, and
 29 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20
 30 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 34 Board of Land and Natural Resources and Chair of the Board of
 35 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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