
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REMOVE
ABANDONED VEHICLES, GARBAGE, AND MARINE DEBRIS FROM PUBLIC
PARKS AND BEACHES IN THE STATE WITHIN TEN BUSINESS DAYS OF
THE DATE THAT THE ABANDONED VEHICLE, GARBAGE, OR MARINE
DEBRIS WAS REPORTED TO THE DEPARTMENT.

1 WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles and garbage in public parks and
2 marine debris on beaches have become a growing environmental
3 concern, public safety risk, and public health issue; and
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5 WHEREAS, places that have abandoned vehicles or that are
6 heavily littered with garbage and marine debris tend to attract
7 illegal activities, since they deter the public from visiting;
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10 WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles can remain in public parks and
11 beaches for months at a time, leaking chemicals and other
12 liquids into the ground and water that is toxic to the
13 surrounding ecosystems; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Star-Advertiser reported on March 8,
16 2018, that some Hawaii residents have complained that their
17 local parks and beaches are so littered with garbage and marine
18 debris that the area has become too dangerous for people to walk
19 around and for children to play there; and
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21 WHEREAS, abandoned vehicles have the potential to become
22 environmental and public health hazards; and
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24 WHEREAS, the odors from the garbage and marine debris make
25 people no longer want to visit certain public parks and beaches;
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28 WHEREAS, removal of abandoned vehicles, garbage, and marine
29 debris from public parks and beaches advances the State's



1 commitment to protecting its beaches and keeping its public
2 areas clean and safe for all users to enjoy; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2018, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
7 urged to remove abandoned vehicles, garbage, and marine debris
8 from public parks and beaches in the State within ten business
9 days of the date that the abandoned vehicle, garbage, or marine
10 debris was reported to the Department; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of Land
14 and Natural Resources and Mayor of each county.

