
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
PREPARE AN UPDATE TO THE 2009 WAIANAЕ BASELINE
ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AND COMPLETE ADDITIONAL STUDIES AND
MONITORING RECOMMENDED IN THE 2009 STUDY.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature in Act 6, Session Laws of Hawaii,
2 First Special Session 2005, authorized a baseline environmental
3 study of the Waianae Coast ocean area; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Waianae Baseline Environmental Study was
6 prepared for the Department of Land and Natural Resources'
7 Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Waianae Baseline Environmental Study requires
10 an update plus additional studies and monitoring; now,
11 therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
15 Session of 2016, that the Department of Land and Natural
16 Resources prepare an update to the Waianae Baseline
17 Environmental Study to include the following:
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19 (1) Any and all updates, but at a minimum, an update on
20 the ocean uses off the Waianae Coast;
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22 (2) A review, assessment, and evaluation of the Hawaiian
23 Islands Dolphin SMART program;
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25 (3) The results of research studies on, and monitoring of,
26 the impacts of ocean use activities on marine mammals,
27 especially spinner dolphins and the endangered
28 Hawaiian monk seal, along the Waianae Coast to
29 estimate disturbance levels and the number of
30 commercial tour operators that would minimize



1 disturbance to the spinner dolphin, endangered
2 Hawaiian monk seal, and other marine mammals;

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4 (4) Rigorous analyses of long-term catch data to better
5 characterize akule and 'opelu fisheries, specifically
6 using smaller reporting grids to decipher changes in
7 the fisheries and fishery-independent studies to
8 evaluate the status of the fisheries;
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10 (5) A review of commercial ocean recreational activities
11 conducted from county beach parks;
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13 (6) A review of land-based commercial ocean recreational
14 activities, such as surf schools, kayaking tours,
15 snorkeling, and kayaking or stand up paddle board
16 equipment rental conducted along the Waianae Coast and
17 the impact on public recreational use;
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19 (7) An assessment of thrill craft use along the Waianae
20 Coast; and
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22 (8) A discussion of the incorporation of place-based,
23 culture-based, and community-based strategies and
24 activities as an integral part of the Waianae
25 Sustainable Communities Initiative; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Aquatic
28 Resources shall provide the Department of Land and Natural
29 Resources with the technical assistance and information
30 necessary to help prepare the update; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
33 Natural Resources is requested to report its findings and
34 recommendations no later than twenty days prior to the convening
35 of the Regular Session of 2017; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
3 Land and Natural Resources and the Administrator of the Division
4 of Aquatic Resources.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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