
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING TO COORDINATE THE CITY
AND STATE AGENCIES IN ADDRESSING THE OVERGROWTH OF
VEGETATION ON KAHALA BEACH.

1 WHEREAS, on Tuesday, November 27, 2007, a site visit of
2 Kahala Beach was held with community members and State and City
3 officials having functional responsibilities relative to beach
4 issue; and
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6 WHEREAS, the inspection revealed extensive vegetative
7 growth of hau, naupaka, and other plant species that are growing
8 on the beach corridor blocking the beach at high tide; and
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10 WHEREAS, evidence of induced vegetative growth was observed
11 as well as tidal influence inland of the vegetation, and because
12 of apparent induced growth, the vegetation does not demarcate
13 the legal shoreline as it often does at other beaches; and
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15 WHEREAS, much of the vegetation growth appears to be and
16 still is being induced by neighboring property owners as
17 indicated by a number of sprinklers installed both seaward and
18 landward of walls and fences; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the property
21 jurisdiction along this corridor is shared by the State and the
22 City and County of Honolulu; and
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24 WHEREAS, members such as the Kahala Community Association
25 and the Neighborhood Board No. 3 intend to communicate with
26 private property owners along Kahala Beach to request their
27 cooperation as well as discuss alternatives, as a first step
28 rather than having government agencies issue citations and other
29 official actions; and
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1 WHEREAS, to stimulate thought and discussion, a draft
2 strategy, protocol, or plan of action was offered and a report
3 made by the Coastal Zone Management Office; and
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5 WHEREAS, the draft plan calls for 1) identification and
6 description of the legal policies and provisions state and
7 county agencies have in dealing with public trust resources, 2)
8 determining and delineating shoreline boundary for the
9 geographic area at issue, 3) assessing state and county records
10 to help determine legal and illegal developments, structures,
11 and installments contributing to the problem, 4) consulting with
12 legal counsel on enforcement and related options, 5) having
13 State and County enforcement agencies initiate corrective action
14 and monitor progress, 6) having the Department of Land and
15 Natural Resources develop a strategy for the removal of
16 vegetation to enhance public utility and enjoyment of the beach,
17 where violations cannot be determined and the conditions under
18 which volunteer work might be permitted, and 7) developing a
19 profile of correction and restoration of the beach, including
20 visual references, for periodic monitoring and possible future
21 enforcement; and
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23 WHEREAS, the report written by the Coastal Zone Management
24 Office, dated December 3, 2007, valuable because this issue is
25 found on other beaches, provided a roadmap as to how to proceed
26 to rectify the encroaching vegetation situation; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Office of State
31 Planning, with community leaders and district legislators,
32 continue to coordinate the City and County of Honolulu and the
33 State Department of Land and Natural Resources in addressing the
34 encroaching vegetation problem on Kahala Beach and adopt a
35 strategy and plan to rectify it; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of State Planning is
38 to report its findings to the State Legislature no later than
39 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2009;
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
43 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to that certified copies of
44 this resolution are to be sent to the Mayor of the City and



1 County of Honolulu, the Department of Planning and Permitting of
2 the City and County of Honolulu, Councilmember Charles Djou, the
3 Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and
4 Tourism (DBEDT), the Director of the Department of Land and
5 Natural Resources (DLNR), the DBEDT Office of State Planning,
6 Coastal Zone Management Branch, the DLNR Office of Conservation
7 and Coastal Lands, the Kahala Community Association, and the
8 Neighborhood Board No. 3 Waialae-Kahala.

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