
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR, THE CITY COUNCIL, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
PARKS AND RECREATION OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO
ESTABLISH AND IMPLEMENT A FAIR AND BALANCED PERMITTING
PROCESS TO ENSURE THAT WOMEN SURFERS AND BODYBOARDERS ARE
TREATED EQUITABLY IN THEIR APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO
CONDUCT SHORE WATER EVENTS THAT INCLUDE SURFING AND
BODYBOARDING CONTESTS FOR WOMEN ON OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, there are many talented and dedicated female
2 surfers and bodyboarders in the State who deserve a chance to
3 participate in a contest of their own at a venue with world
4 class waves and conditions on Oahu; and
5

6 WHEREAS, Hawaii women surfers and bodyboarders want and
7 deserve equality in the water; and
8

9 WHEREAS, however, women surfers and bodyboarders are often
10 relegated to less desirable wave venues; women's events lose
11 sponsorship to male events or hold their event by sharing a day
12 under a permit issued to a men's event; women's events are moved
13 to smaller waves at the end of the season or the off season and,
14 all too frequently, are denied permits to even hold their event
15 on Oahu; and
16

17 WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City
18 and County of Honolulu is responsible for issuing permits to
19 conduct shore water events, which include surf and bodyboard
20 contests; and
21

22 WHEREAS, although the City and County of Honolulu has
23 adopted rules relating to conditions for holding surfing and
24 bodyboarding contests on Oahu, it appears that women's events
25 have often been excluded or under-represented in receiving
26 permits to conduct shore water events; and
27



1 WHEREAS, for example, for the current year no permits were
2 issued to allow women's surfing or bodyboarding contests on
3 Oahu; and

4
5 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu's permit process
6 for surfing and bodyboarding contests should be conducted more
7 equitably, allowing women an equal opportunity to conduct
8 surfing and bodyboarding events; now, therefore,

9
10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
12 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Mayor, the City
13 Council, and the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City
14 and County of Honolulu are requested to consult and work
15 together to establish and implement a fair and balanced
16 permitting process to ensure that women surfers and bodyboarders
17 are treated equitably in their applications for permits to hold
18 women's shore water events on Oahu; and

19
20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in working together to
21 establish and implement a fair and balanced permitting process
22 for shore water events, the Mayor, the City Council, and the
23 Department of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of
24 Honolulu are requested to ensure that the process adopted
25 provide for an annual allocation of thirty per cent of all the
26 permits issued on Oahu for shore water events for women's
27 events; and

28
29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the
31 Chairperson of the City Council, and the Director of Parks and
32 Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu.

33 OFFERED BY:

34 *[Handwritten signature]*
35 *[Handwritten signature]*

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]



[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]

[Handwritten signature]
[Handwritten signature]