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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DOCUMENT AND REVIEW  
ANY LESSONS LEARNED REGARDING THE FOUR-YEAR CLOSURE OF THE  
MAUNALUA BAY BEACH PARK RESTROOMS.

1           WHEREAS, Maunalua Bay and its adjacent parks and recreation  
2 areas are among East Oahu's most important public open spaces;  
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5           WHEREAS, many residents of East Oahu and other communities  
6 enjoy the Maunalua Bay area with their families and friends; and

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8           WHEREAS, people who enjoy the Maunalua Bay area need access  
9 to public restroom facilities; and

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11           WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu closed the  
12 restroom facilities at Maunalua Bay Beach Park in early 2010  
13 because the restrooms did not meet federal standards; and

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15           WHEREAS, City officials have publicly stated on several  
16 occasions that the restrooms would reopen on various dates; and

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18           WHEREAS, the dates provided by city officials for the re-  
19 opening of the restrooms have come and gone, and the restrooms  
20 have remained closed for approximately four years; and

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22           WHEREAS, four years is an unreasonably long period of time  
23 for public restrooms to remain closed for repairs; and

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25           WHEREAS, the closure of the Maunalua Bay Beach Park  
26 restrooms has caused great inconvenience to many residents and  
27 visitors; and

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29           WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has incurred  
30 additional expenses by renting portable toilets for Maunalua Bay  
31 Beach Park while the restrooms remain closed for repairs; and



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 2 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has indicated that  
 3 the lengthy closure is the result of various issues, such as the  
 4 need to coordinate with private landowners, install a sewer pipe  
 5 under a state highway, and connect to a privately owned  
 6 wastewater system; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has indicated that  
 9 the restrooms should finally reopen in April of 2014; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the public would like to be reassured that a  
 12 lengthy closure of this nature does not occur again or  
 13 inconvenience other communities in a similar way; now,  
 14 therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 17 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 18 Session of 2014, the City and County of Honolulu is urged to  
 19 carefully document any lessons learned regarding the Maunalua  
 20 Bay Beach Park restroom repair project during the four years the  
 21 restrooms have been closed; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the City and County of Honolulu is  
 24 urged to require appropriate city officials to carefully review  
 25 any documented lessons learned in order to prevent any similar  
 26 problems or mistakes in the future; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and to each member of the  
 30 Council of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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