



CITY COUNCIL

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
HONOLULU, HAWAII

No. 21-51

RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION TO ESTABLISH DUSK TO DAWN PARK CLOSURE HOURS FOR MAKALEI BEACH PARK, LEAHI BEACH PARK, DIAMOND HEAD BEACH PARK, AND KUILEI CLIFFS BEACH PARK.

WHEREAS, Makalei Beach Park is a 0.71-acre City and County of Honolulu ("City") beach park located at 3111 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Leahi Beach Park is a 1.28-acre City beach park located at 3187 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Diamond Head Beach Park is a 1.17-acre City beach park located at 3300 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, Kuilei Cliffs Beach Park is a 10.61-acre City beach park located at 3451 Diamond Head Road, Honolulu, Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, these popular beach parks, nestled between Diamond Head Road and the ocean, are regularly used by City residents and visitors for recreational purposes and shoreline access; and

WHEREAS, recently, there have been increased reports of illegal activity, including prostitution, illegal drug dealing and use, and other criminal activity, at these beach parks during nighttime hours; and

WHEREAS, the Diamond Head/Kapahulu/St. Louis Heights Neighborhood Board No. 5 adopted a resolution on February 11, 2021, detailing the problems the community has faced in these areas, and requesting the immediate extension of park closure hours and the removal of all encroachments on public land in the area; and

WHEREAS, currently, these beach parks are open between 5:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., which means that these beach parks are open for a considerable length of time after sunset and before sunrise; and

WHEREAS, keeping these beach parks open outside of daylight hours makes it challenging for Honolulu Police Department officers and Department of Parks and Recreation staff to deter illegal activity and enforce criminal laws and park rules at these beach parks; and



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WHEREAS, in order to reduce the level of illegal activity occurring at these beach parks, residents in the surrounding community have requested that these beach parks be open for use only during daylight hours; and

WHEREAS, shoreline access through City parks is preserved and protected by the Hawaii State Constitution and City ordinances, and thus any reduction in the hours of operation of these parks would not impede access to the shoreline; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Parks and Recreation is urged to establish dusk to dawn park closure hours for Makalei Beach Park, Leahi Beach Park, Diamond Head Beach Park, and Kuilei Cliffs Beach Park; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Managing Director, and the Director of Parks and Recreation.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tony Watson

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

FEB 24 2021
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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CERTIFICATE

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Introduced: 02/24/21 By: TOMMY WATERS

Committee: PARKS AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES (PCS)

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CLIFFS BEACH PARK.

Voting Legend: * = Aye w/Reservations

03/04/21 PCS Reported out for adoption.

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4 AYES: FUKUNAGA, TSUNEYOSHI, TULBA, TUPOLA

03/17/21 CCL Committee report and Resolution were adopted.

9 AYES: CORDERO, ELEFANTE, FUKUNAGA, KIA'ĀINA, SAY, TSUNEYOSHI,
TULBA, TUPOLA, WATERS

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.



GLEN I. TAKAHASHI, CITY CLERK



TOMMY WATERS, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER