
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MAKENA-KEONEOIO GOVERNMENT ROAD.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in June 1973, the
2 Ahihi-Kinau area on Maui's southwest flank, which contains the
3 most recent lava flow from Haleakala, became the first
4 designated natural area reserve in the state. The reserve
5 contains numerous ancient Hawaiian archaeological and cultural
6 sites; fragile anchialine ponds, containing endangered endemic
7 aquatic species; and isolated coves, small bays, and coral
8 reefs, containing numerous species of marine fauna, including
9 fish, crustaceans, corals, and aquatic vegetation.

10 The Makena-Keoneoio government road that traverses the
11 reserve permits uncontrolled public access to the reserve.
12 Further, publicity of the reserve and its many resources in
13 travel books and journals is attracting hundreds of visitors
14 from all over the world to the reserve every day. This influx
15 of visitors is having an enormous negative impact on the reserve
16 and its resources.

17 The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of land
18 and natural resources to provide limited access to the



1 Makena-Keoneoio government road where it traverses the
2 Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§195- Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve; Makena-Keoneoio
7 government road. (a) The department of land and natural
8 resources shall develop rules in accordance with chapter 91 to
9 prohibit public access to the Makena-Keoneoio government road
10 where it traverses the Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve.

11 (b) Access to the portion of the Makena-Keoneoio
12 government road that is closed to public access shall be limited
13 to the following:

- 14 (1) Legal residents of the area who require access to
15 their residences;
- 16 (2) State and county officials and employees who require
17 access to maintain the road and the reserve and its
18 resources; and
- 19 (3) Persons who are permitted into the reserve pursuant to
20 administrative rules adopted by the department of land
21 and natural resources."



- 1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.
- 2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



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Report Title:

Natural Area Reserve System; Makena-Keoneoio Road

Description:

Directs DLNR to limit access on the Makena-Keoneoio government road through the Ahihi-Kinai natural area reserve. (SB2462 HD1)

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