
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 the Ahihi-Kinau area
2 on Maui's southwest flank that contains the most recent lava
3 flow from Haleakala, was the first designated natural area
4 reserve in the State, in June 1973. The reserve contains
5 numerous ancient Hawaiian archaeological and cultural sites;
6 fragile anchialine ponds, containing endangered endemic aquatic
7 species; and isolated coves, small bays, and coral reefs,
8 containing numerous species of marine fauna, including fish,
9 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 every day to the reserve. This influx
15 of visitors is having an enormous negative impact on the reserve
16 and its resources.

17 The legislature notes that the Makena-Keoneoio government
18 road is a county road owned by the county of Maui.



1 The purpose of this Act is to direct the county of Maui to
2 provide limited access on the Makena-Keoneoio government road
3 where it traverses the Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve.

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

7 "§195- Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve; Makena-Keoneoio
8 government road. (a) The county of Maui shall prohibit public
9 access to the Makena-Keoneoio government road where it traverses
10 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 that require access to
15 their residences using the road;

16 (2) State and county officials and employees requiring
17 access for the maintenance of the road and the
18 maintenance of the reserve and its resources; and

19 (3) Persons that are permitted into the reserve pursuant
20 to administrative rules adopted by the department of
21 land and natural resources."

1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

2 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



Report Title:

Natural Area Reserve System; Makena-Keoneoio Road

Description:

Directs County of Maui to limit access on the Makena-Keoneoio government road through the Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve.
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