HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2007 STATE OF HAWAII

H.C.R. NO. 196

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO REPORT ON THE STATUS OF WAIMEA VALLEY.

1 WHEREAS, in late 2005, as a culmination of efforts by the 2 City and County of Honolulu to condemn Waimea Valley, the City 3 entered into a tentative agreement with the private owner of the 4 valley that would have broken up the valley and allowed some 5 limited, but expensive, homes to be built in the valley; and 6

7 WHEREAS, in 2006 a settlement involving the State, City,
8 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the United States Army, the
9 valley was purchased and title to the valley was transferred to
10 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

WHEREAS, since mid-2003, the National Audubon Society hasbeen operating and maintaining the valley on a month-to-monthbasis; and

16 WHEREAS, since the title to the valley transferred to the 17 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, negotiations continued with the 18 National Audubon Society regarding a long-term agreement for its 19 continued stewardship of the valley; and 20

21 WHEREAS, unfortunately in January 2007, the National 22 Audubon Society announced that it was terminating its 23 negotiations with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs due to 24 differing management and oversight needs of the two 25 organizations; and

WHEREAS, Waimea Valley is a valuable asset to the entire
State and its proper stewardship is a statewide concern; now,
therefore,

31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular



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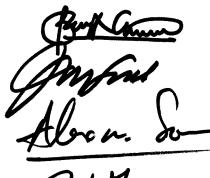
Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Office of
 Hawaiian Affairs is requested to report to the Legislature at
 its earliest convenience on the status of the future operation
 and maintenance of Waimea Valley; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
8 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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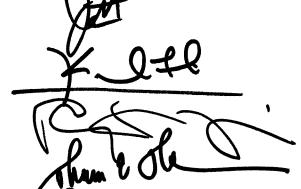
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