
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CULTURALLY VALUABLE DISTRICTS
THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that Hawaii's unique history
2 and rich cultural heritage and traditions are inextricably
3 linked to the lands that make up our state; and
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5 WHEREAS, throughout our state, there exist certain lands
6 that retain special cultural value for native Hawaiians; and
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8 WHEREAS, these unique lands:
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10 (1) Are usually found in rural areas and contain
11 culturally valuable sites and resources, both tangible
12 and intangible;
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14 (2) Sustain and support native Hawaiian lifestyles and
15 traditions that are retained and continue to be
16 practiced on an everyday basis;
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18 (3) Include lands where native Hawaiian agricultural uses,
19 such as taro cultivation, are perpetuated; and
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21 (4) Include native Hawaiian gathering areas and lands
22 where native Hawaiian activities, such as fishpond
23 cultivation and limu gathering, are practiced;
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27 WHEREAS, some of these unique lands are found in Hana and
28 Keanae on Maui; Halawa and Milolii on Hawaii; Waiahole, Waikane,
29 and Kahana on Oahu; Hanalei and Hanapepe on Kauai; and the east
30 end of the island of Molokai; and
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32 WHEREAS, these unique lands may be designated as
33 "culturally valuable districts", which should be restored,
34 maintained, and protected as valuable state resources; and
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1 WHEREAS, the identification and designation of culturally
2 valuable districts will help to ensure the perpetuation of
3 Hawaii's unique cultural traditions and legacy; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2007, that this body supports the establishment of
8 culturally valuable districts throughout the state; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the boundaries of a culturally
11 valuable district follow natural monuments, ahupua'a, moku, or
12 other traditional land divisions, and may extend from the
13 highest reaches of the mountains to a designated distance beyond
14 the shoreline; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a culturally valuable district
17 may include one or more ahupua'a and all or part of any moku on
18 any island.
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