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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii Kai, in  
2 general, is one of the most developed areas in the State and on  
3 the island of Oahu. In only the past two years, there have been  
4 4 new single family and condominium developments in surrounding  
5 areas. Traffic to the urban core, as is the case with other  
6 population centers on the island of Oahu, such as Ewa Beach,  
7 Mililani, Kapolei, Aiea, and Pearl City, is a long recognized  
8 issue. The strain on county resources, such as sewage and  
9 water, is also well recognized.

10           The legislature further finds that the purchase of land to  
11 preserve open space or to prevent overdevelopment is not a novel  
12 idea. Our history is rife with examples of the purchase or  
13 attempted purchase of lands for an important public purpose,  
14 such as the purchase or attempted purchases of Waimea Falls  
15 Adventure Park, Paradise Park, and Punaluu Beach, to name but a  
16 few. In those examples, the important public purpose was to  
17 preserve unique biospheres, open space, and to limit  
18 development. In this case, the important public purpose is

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1 similar, to preserve open space, limit development, and limit  
2 the environmental harms that come with overdevelopment.

3 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate moneys to  
4 purchase the remaining open space in Hawaii Kai presently owned  
5 by Kamehameha Schools-Bishop Estate in Kamilo Nui Valley and to  
6 preserve the land as open space or continual agriculture use.

7 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
8 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so  
9 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2008-2009 for  
10 the purposes of Section 1 of this Act.

11 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
12 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

13 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.

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**Report Title:**

Hawaii Kai; open space preservation

**Description:**

Appropriates funds to acquire remaining open space in Hawaii Kai and to preserve it as such.

