
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INVESTIGATE
AND DETERMINE THE OWNERSHIP OF BLUE ANGEL FALLS.

1 WHEREAS, Blue Angel Falls, also known as Heleleikeoha
2 Falls, is located in Nahiku in east Maui and is one of the most
3 popular and spectacular falls in Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, although Blue Angel Falls is typically light
6 flowing, post-rain flows can become quite heavy, thereby posing
7 a hidden danger to visitors of the falls; and
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9 WHEREAS, while the falls itself is on public land,
10 controversy exists over access to the falls, which crosses over
11 private land jointly owned by several residents; and
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13 WHEREAS, ambiguity about ownership and jurisdictional
14 responsibility for Blue Angel Falls may result in exposing the
15 State or Maui County to liability if individuals are injured,
16 and may also contribute to the continuing controversy over
17 access to the falls; and
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19 WHEREAS, to clarify the issue of public access to Blue
20 Angel Falls, the matter of ownership and jurisdictional
21 responsibility must be resolved; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2008, that the Department of the Attorney General is
26 requested to investigate and determine the ownership of and
27 jurisdictional responsibility for Blue Angel Falls; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of the Attorney
30 General is requested to submit a report of any findings and
31 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
32 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General, the Director of Transportation, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and to the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of Maui County.

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