
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO PREPARE A COORDINATED, COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS AND CONCERNS OF THE LESSEES FACING EVICTION UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE LEASES AT THE KANOELEHUA INDUSTRIAL PARK.

1 WHEREAS, the Kanoelehua Industrial Park in Hilo is
2 comprised of approximately three hundred forty acres of public
3 land; and

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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands oversees
6 eighty leases related to the three hundred acres of the
7 industrial park that are under its jurisdiction; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources
10 oversees fifty-two leases related to the forty acres of the
11 industrial park that are under its jurisdiction; and

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13 WHEREAS, most of the leases have term limits of fifty-five
14 years that will expire in 2016, although some of the leases will
15 expire even earlier; and

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17 WHEREAS, as many as four hundred businesses will be
18 effected when these leases expire; and

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20 WHEREAS, it is unknown whether the Department of Land and
21 Natural Resources will offer lessees an opportunity to bid for
22 their parcels when their leases expire or restrict the land to
23 commercial purposes instead; and

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25 WHEREAS, even if lessees have an opportunity to bid for
26 their parcels when their leases expire, they would face eviction
27 if they lose the bids; and

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1 WHEREAS, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 68, S.D. 1,
2 Regular Session 2002, authorized the Department of Land and
3 Natural Resources to designate approximately one hundred fifty
4 acres of contiguous public land in South Hilo, in the area known
5 as the Mana quarry, for use as a new industrial park; and
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7 WHEREAS, while the Department of Land and Natural Resources
8 has proceeded with an environmental review process for the new
9 industrial park, it is unlikely that it will be ready or
10 available to accommodate lessees before the first leases in
11 Kanoelehua Industrial Park expire; and
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13 WHEREAS, the uncertainty of the status of these public
14 lands makes it difficult for lessees to plan for their future;
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17 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and
18 the County of Hawaii should have a coordinated, comprehensive
19 plan to address the needs and concerns of the lessees facing
20 eviction upon the expiration of the leases at the Kanoelehua
21 Industrial Park; 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 Land and Natural
26 Resources and the County of Hawaii are urged to prepare a
27 coordinated, comprehensive plan to address the needs and
28 concerns of the lessees facing eviction upon the expiration of
29 the leases at the Kanoelehua Industrial Park; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
32 Natural Resources and the County of Hawaii are requested to:
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- 34 (1) Meet with interested stakeholders to develop the plan;
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36 (2) Finalize the plan before January 1, 2010; and
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38 (3) Provide each lessee and the Legislature with a copy of
39 the plan no later than twenty days prior to the
40 convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Land and
 3 Natural Resources, the Chair of the Hawaii County Council, the
 4 Mayor of Hawaii County, the Director of the Hawaii County
 5 Planning Department, and the Director of the Kanoelehua
 6 Industrial Area Association, Inc.

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