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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO MAKE
THE HALEAKALA TRAIL AVAILABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Haleakala trail on the island of Maui, an
2 eight-and-one-half mile trail which stretches from Saint
3 Joseph's Church under Piholo Road and the end of Olinda Road,
4 through Haleakala Ranch, and ends at the crater rim of Haleakala
5 National Park, is owned by the State of Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, an ancient Hawaiian trail improved to a bridle
8 trail in 1905 by the Hawaiian territorial government, the
9 Haleakala trail enables the public to access Haleakala without a
10 guide; and

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12 WHEREAS, because Haleakala Ranch, a family-owned ranch,
13 claims ownership of the portion of the Haleakala trail that goes
14 through its property, the trail is not currently open to the
15 public; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Haleakala trail is the only state-owned trail
18 that is not open to the public; and

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20 WHEREAS, to make the trail available for the public to use
21 once again, the conflicting claim of title of Haleakala Ranch
22 must be legally resolved or the matter settled in favor of
23 public access; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and
26 the Attorney General have the resources to resolve this dispute
27 with Haleakala Ranch; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land
32 and Natural Resources, with the assistance of Deputy Attorney
33 General Randall Ishikawa, is requested to resolve the ongoing



1 dispute over access to the Haleakala trail with Haleakala Ranch
2 to make the trail accessible to the public; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
5 Natural Resources, with the assistance of Deputy Attorney
6 General Randall Ishikawa, is requested to submit to the
7 Legislature a progress report of progress made in resolving the
8 dispute with Haleakala Ranch no later than twenty days prior to
9 the Regular Session of 2009, and a final report of the
10 resolution no later than sixty days after final resolution; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Land
14 and Natural Resources and Deputy Attorney General Randall
15 Ishikawa.
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