

JAN 29 2008

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAKUA VALLEY TASK FORCE.

1 WHEREAS, the ahupua'a of Makua is located on the island of
2 Oahu within the district of Waianae and is bordered to the west
3 by the Pacific Ocean and surrounded by the Waianae mountains to
4 the north, east, and south; and

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6 WHEREAS, historic records, oral histories, and
7 archaeological studies document the cultural significance of
8 Makua; and

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10 WHEREAS, a number of archaeological sites have been
11 identified in Makua, including Ukanipo heiau, which is listed on
12 the National Register of Historic Places; and

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14 WHEREAS, Makua is also home to a number of threatened and
15 endangered species including the elepaio and the Oahu tree
16 snail; and

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18 WHEREAS, in 1943, the Makua Military Reservation was
19 established as a maneuver and impact area following the Army's
20 use of the area for security and training operations under
21 martial law as a result of the bombing of Pearl Harbor; and

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23 WHEREAS, the reservation was originally comprised of 6,000
24 acres, but was reduced in size to 4,190 acres in 1964; and

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26 WHEREAS, of the total area currently under the Army's
27 control, the Army owns 170 acres in fee simple, holds 1.64 acres
28 by license, leases 782.35 acres from the State, and has use of
29 3,236.48 acres of ceded lands; and

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31 WHEREAS, eventually, the majority of the lands comprising
32 the military reservation will revert to the State and plans for
33 its rehabilitation and reuse must be considered in advance to
34 ensure an expedient and comprehensive restoration can be
35 accomplished; and

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1 WHEREAS, although the Army has made efforts to work with
2 the Waianae community in addressing the community's concerns,
3 much more could be accomplished if a task force was convened to
4 address the concerns of the community, express the
5 responsibilities and expectations placed on the Army by its
6 superiors in its use of Makua, and serve as a platform from
7 which the Army and the community may work out its differences;
8 now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
12 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested
13 to convene a task force to address the concerns raised by the
14 Waianae community and the Army over the use of Makua Valley; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consist of seven
17 members to be appointed as follows:
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- 19 (1) One member shall be selected by and be a member of the
20 Malama Makua;
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- 22 (2) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a
23 list provided by the Waianae coast community;
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- 25 (3) One member shall be a trustee or representative of the
26 Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
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- 28 (4) One member shall be the commanding officer of the
29 United States Army in the Pacific, or the commanding
30 officer's designee;
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- 32 (5) One member shall be the Adjutant General of the State
33 of Hawaii, or the Adjutant General's designee;
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- 35 (6) One member shall be the Chairperson of the Board of
36 Land and Natural Resources; and
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- 38 (7) One member shall be appointed by the Governor from a
39 list provided by native Hawaiian organizations; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
42 Land and Natural Resources shall serve as Chair of the task
43 force; and
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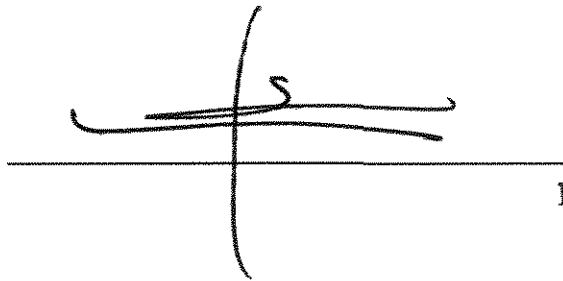
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force discuss and
 2 resolve issues that include but are limited to, issues relating
 3 to the community's concern over the impact of the Army's use of
 4 Makua Valley on the area's cultural and historical value, access
 5 to culturally and historically important sites in Makua Valley,
 6 environmental concerns, community safety, and the military's
 7 requirements to ensure that the adequate training of its
 8 personnel is maintained; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit a report
 11 on its findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later
 12 than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular
 13 Session; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
 17 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Malama Makua, the
 18 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the commanding officer of the United
 19 States Army in the Pacific, and the Adjutant General of the
 20 State of Hawaii.
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By Request

