
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO CONDUCT AN INDEPENDENT APPRAISAL OF MOLOKAI PROPERTIES LIMITED'S LANDHOLDINGS ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.

1 WHEREAS, Molokai Properties Limited is owned by a foreign
2 company, GuocoLeisure Limited, based in Singapore; and
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4 WHEREAS, in April 2008, Molokai Properties Limited shut
5 down all of its business operations on Molokai; and
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7 WHEREAS, under orders from the Department of Health,
8 Molokai Properties Limited was required to continue to provide
9 water and sewer services; and
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11 WHEREAS, Molokai Properties Limited has not made any
12 commitment to continue to provide water and sewer services and
13 the County of Maui has been forced to commence litigation
14 against Molokai Properties Limited to enforce contracts to
15 operate and maintain water and wastewater systems for the
16 protection of the health and safety of its citizens; and
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18 WHEREAS, Molokai Properties Limited owns over sixty
19 thousand acres of land, approximately one-third of the land on
20 the island of Molokai; and
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22 WHEREAS, Molokai Properties Limited has engaged in land use
23 practices that have substantially contributed to the loss of
24 rainforests on its properties and to the increase of erosion,
25 which depletes the quality of soil on the land and harms the
26 marine ecosystems along Molokai's coastline; and
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28 WHEREAS, Molokai Properties Limited is now denying access
29 to most of its landholdings to Molokai residents who relied on
30 those lands for gathering, hunting, and fishing; and
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32 WHEREAS, Molokai Properties Limited lands contain numerous
33 wahi pana (places of historical and cultural value), including



1 heiau and ceremonial sites, ancient taro loi, and loko ia
2 (ancient Hawaiian fishponds); and
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4 WHEREAS, to protect and preserve Hawaii's historic and
5 cultural heritage, a number of private entities have recently
6 expressed interest in acquiring all or parts of Molokai
7 Properties Limited's landholdings; and
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9 WHEREAS, to negotiate the purchase of any of Molokai
10 Properties Limited's landholdings or to advance any other
11 options or alternatives with regard to these properties, it is
12 necessary to ascertain its value; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2009, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and
17 the Department of Accounting and General Services are requested
18 to conduct an independent appraisal of Molokai Properties
19 Limited's landholdings on the island of Molokai; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appraisal be based on the
22 land classification set by the County of Maui as of January 1,
23 2009; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
27 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Comptroller, and
28 the Chief Executive Officer of GuocoLeisure Limited.
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