
HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

1 WHEREAS, Molokai Properties Limited (MPL) is owned by a
2 foreign company, GuocoLeisure Limited, based in Singapore; and
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4 WHEREAS, in April 2008, MPL shut down all of its business
5 operations on Molokai; and
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7 WHEREAS, under orders by the Department of Health, MPL was
8 required to continue to provide water and sewer services; and
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10 WHEREAS, MPL has not made any commitment to continue to
11 provide water and sewer services and the County of Maui has been
12 forced to commence litigation against MPL to enforce contracts
13 to operate and maintain water and wastewater systems for the
14 protection of the health and safety of its citizens; and
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16 WHEREAS, MPL owns over 60,000 acres of land, approximately
17 one-third of the land on the island of Molokai; and
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19 WHEREAS, MPL has engaged in land use practices that have
20 substantially contributed to the loss of rainforests on its
21 properties and to the increase of erosion, which depletes the
22 quality of soil on the land and harms the marine ecosystems
23 along Molokai's coastline; and
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25 WHEREAS, MPL is now denying access to most of its
26 landholdings to Molokai residents who relied on those lands for
27 gathering, hunting, and fishing; and
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1 WHEREAS, MPL lands contain numerous wahi pana (places of
 2 historical and cultural value), including heiau and ceremonial
 3 sites, ancient taro loi, and loko ia (ancient Hawaiian
 4 fishponds); and

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 6 WHEREAS, to protect and preserve Hawaii's historic and
 7 cultural heritage, a number of private entities have recently
 8 expressed interest in acquiring all or parts of MPL's
 9 landholdings; and

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 11 WHEREAS, to negotiate the purchase of any of MPL's
 12 landholdings or to advance any other options or alternatives
 13 with regard to these properties, it is necessary to ascertain
 14 its value; now, therefore,

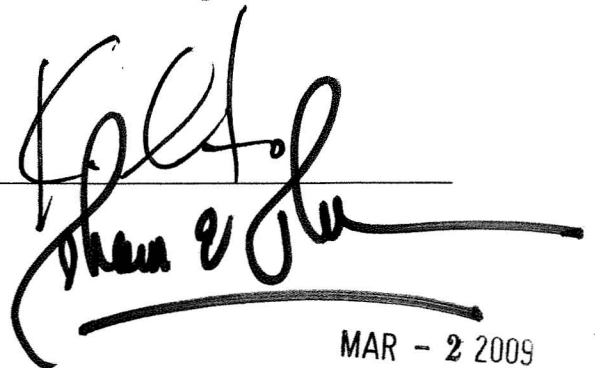
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 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 17 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 18 of 2009, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
 19 requested to conduct an independent appraisal of MPL's
 20 landholdings on the island of Molokai; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appraisal shall be based on
 23 the land classification set by the County of Maui as of January
 24 1, 2009; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Chairperson of the
 28 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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