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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES' NA ALA HELE PROGRAM TO DESIGNATE THE PI'ILANI TRAIL AS AN IMPORTANT HAWAIIAN COASTAL CULTURAL HERITAGE CORRIDOR.

1 WHEREAS, walking trails are an important part of Hawaii's
2 natural resources, providing historic, recreational, and scenic
3 value; and
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5 WHEREAS, stretching one hundred thirty-eight miles, the
6 Alaloa trail on the island of Maui, also known as the King's
7 Highway, is an ancient trail that encircled the island and
8 connected villages and heiau scattered along the coastline; and
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10 WHEREAS, King Pi'ilani, a fourteenth century chief of east
11 Maui and Hana districts, began the construction of the Alaloa
12 trail, which was completed by his son; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Alaloa trail, also known as the Pi'ilani
15 trail, is a culturally significant heritage corridor and is the
16 only ancient highway to encircle the coastline of any of the
17 Hawaiian islands; and
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19 WHEREAS, recent efforts by the Hoaloha Aina in south Maui
20 and Kapalua Resort in west Maui to restore this trail, and the
21 efforts by Edna Farden Bekeart and the Patsy Mink Heritage Park
22 to preserve the corridor need to be coordinated; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
26 that the Na Ala Hele program, under the Department of Land an
27 Natural Resources, is requested to designate all public lands
28 from Kaupo to Kapalua, along the Pi'ilani trail, as an important
29 Hawaiian coastal cultural heritage corridor; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Na Ala Hele program is
32 requested to coordinate a volunteer effort in conjunction with
33 the Maui Coastal Land Trust and Tri-Isle Resource Conservation
34 and Development Council that may include:



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- (1) An inventory of current mapping and a compilation of completed studies;
- (2) Incorporating current public and private partnerships, including Hoaloha Aina and Maui Land and Pine;
- (3) The opportunities of opening more of the trail for public use, including obtaining input from private landowners adjacent to the trail; and
- (4) A general cost assessment to repair, acquire, and maintain the trail for public use and designate it as a national historic trail; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Na Ala Hele program is requested to submit a written report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations twenty days prior to the convening of the 2010 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Administrator of the Na Ala Hele program, the Mayor of Maui County, the Chairperson of the Maui County Council, the President of Maui Land and Pineapple, the Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Tri-Isle Resource Conservation and Development Council, Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Maui Coastal Land Trust, and the Founder of Hoaloha Aina.

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