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S.R. NO. 127

SENATE 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 is an
2 eight and one-half mile state-owned trail that stretches from
3 Saint Joseph's Church under Piiholo Road and the end of Olinda
4 Road, through Haleakala Ranch, and ends at the crater rim of
5 Haleakala National Park; and

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7 WHEREAS, the ancient Hawaiian Haleakala trail was improved
8 to a bridlé trail in 1905 by the Hawaiian territorial
9 government, thus the trail enabled the public to access
10 Haleakala without a guide; and

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12 WHEREAS, because the family-owned Haleakala Ranch claims
13 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 the claim of title of Haleakala Ranch must be legally resolved
22 or the matter settled in favor of public access; and

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

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009,
30 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources, with the
31 assistance of the Attorney General, is requested to resolve the
32 ongoing dispute over public access to the Haleakala trail with
33 Haleakala Ranch, including the issue of Haleakala Ranch's claim
34 of title to a portion of the trail, to make the trail accessible
35 to the public; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department, with the
3 assistance of the Attorney General, is requested to submit to
4 the Legislature a report of progress made in resolving the
5 dispute with Haleakala Ranch no later than twenty days prior to
6 the convening of the 2010 Regular Session of the Legislature,
7 and a final report of the resolution no later than sixty days
8 after final resolution; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
12 Land and Natural Resources and the Attorney General.
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