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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WALKING TRAILS.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the importance of  
2 walking trails as part of Hawaii's natural resources and  
3 cultural heritage. The Alaloa trail on the island of Maui, also  
4 known as the King's Highway, is an ancient trail that encircled  
5 the island of Maui, connecting villages and heiau scattered on  
6 Maui's coastal areas. King Pi'ilani, a fourteenth-century chief  
7 of east Maui and the Hana districts, began the construction of  
8 the Alaloa trail, which was completed by his son. Stretching  
9 more than one hundred thirty-eight miles around Maui, it became  
10 the only ancient highway to encircle the coastline of any of the  
11 Hawaiian islands. Recent efforts by Hoaloha Aina in south Maui  
12 and Kapalua Resort in west Maui to establish this trail, and  
13 efforts by Edna Pualani Farden Bekeart and the Patsy Mink  
14 Heritage Park to preserve the corridor need to be coordinated.

15           The purpose of this Act is to direct the Na Ala Hele  
16 program under the department of land and natural resources to  
17 designate all public lands from Kaupo to Kapalua along the



1 Pi'ilani trail as an important Hawaiian coastal cultural  
2 heritage corridor and incorporate the trail as lateral access.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The Na Ala Hele program under the  
4 department of land and natural resources shall designate all  
5 public lands from Kaupo to Kapalua along the Pi'ilani trail as  
6 an important Hawaiian coastal cultural heritage corridor. The  
7 establishment, repair, and preservation of a trail for public  
8 use shall include:

- 9 (1) An inventory, mapping, and safety assessment of the  
10 Pi'ilani trail;
- 11 (2) Obtaining input from private landowners adjacent to  
12 and nearby the trail, and consulting with the Hawaiian  
13 community, as appropriate, on the feasibility of  
14 opening the Pi'ilani trail from Kaupo to Kapalua for  
15 public use;
- 16 (3) Incorporating current public and private partnerships,  
17 including Hoaloha Aina and Maui Land and Pine; and
- 18 (4) A cost assessment for the State to repair, to acquire  
19 any land for, and to maintain the trail for public use  
20 and designate it as an important Hawaiian coastal  
21 cultural heritage corridor.

22 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect upon approval.



**Report Title:**

Walking Trails; Pi'ilani Trail; Designation

**Description:**

Request the Na Ala Hele program under the Department of Land and Natural Resources to designate the Pi'ilani trail from Kaupo to Kapalua as an important Hawaiian coastal cultural heritage corridor and open the trail to the public. (HB1778 HD1)

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