
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REQUIRE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR ANY PROJECT OR POTENTIALLY HARMFUL ACTION THAT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF HAWAII KAI DRIVE WETLAND AND SPRING AND THE HAWEA HEIAU AREA IN HAWAII KAI, OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, Maunalua Bay, which means "two mountains" in
2 Hawaiian, constitutes an ecological and cultural treasure on the
3 island of Oahu, in particular, and in the state of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Maunalua Bay area contains a number of natural
6 reserves, some of which are wetland habitats--including but not
7 limited to Paiko Lagoon Wildlife Sanctuary; Rim Island 2; Hawaii
8 Kai Marina; Kuapa Pond; Hawaii Kai Drive Wetland; Hawea Heiau
9 area; and the Ihi'ihilauakea Preserve, Koko Head--that support
10 several species of endemic and endangered Hawaiian birds and
11 plants such as the Hawaiian Stilt (ae'o), Hawaiian Coot ('alae
12 ke'oke'o), Hawaiian Moorhen ('alae 'ula), Ruddy Turnstone
13 ('akekeke), Sanderling (hunakai), Pacific Golden-Plover (kolea),
14 Wedge-tailed Shearwater ('ua'u kani), and the Hawaiian fern,
15 Ihi'Ihi; and
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17 WHEREAS, due to the massive loss and degradation of the
18 state's wetland habitats, many native Hawaiian water birds are
19 now recognized as endangered species; and
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21 WHEREAS, the state of Hawai'i has more endangered species
22 than any other state in the union; and
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24 WHEREAS, the total state population for the endangered
25 Hawaiian Moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus sandvicensis*), or 'alae
26 'ula, is estimated at only 300; and
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28 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai Drive Wetland on O'ahu is an
29 important feeding and nesting site for the 'alae 'ula that
30 supports a population of nine birds; and



1 WHEREAS, the 'alae 'ula that feed and nest at the Hawaii Kai
2 Drive Wetland in Maunalua Bay face a number of threats,
3 including loss of habitat due to development, and predation by
4 dogs, rats, mongoose, cats, and cattle egrets; and
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6 WHEREAS, residential development on Hawaii Kai Drive near
7 Hawea Heaiu, threatens the endangered resident population of
8 'alae 'ula inhabiting the area; and
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10 WHEREAS, the development carried out by the landowner in
11 June 2009 led to the bulldozing of the buffer to the wetland,
12 where the endangered 'alae 'ula feed and nest; and
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14 WHEREAS, the completion of an environmental assessment of
15 the development may have brought to light the importance of the
16 area to and impact of the development on the endangered 'alae
17 'ula; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2010, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
22 requested to require an environmental assessment for any project
23 or potentially harmful action that would negatively impact the
24 Hawaii Kai Drive Wetland and Spring and the Hawea Heiau area in
25 Hawaii Kai, Oahu; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
29 Land and Natural Resources.
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