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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 Alaloe 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 Alaloe 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 Behert and the Patsy Mink Heritage Park to  
14 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 incorporating 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 be explored.

9 (b) The study shall include the following:

- 10 (1) An inventory, mapping, and safety assessment of the  
11 Pi'ilani trail;
- 12 (2) Feasibility of opening the Pi'ilani trail from Kaupo  
13 to Kapalua for public use, including obtaining input  
14 from private landowners adjacent to and nearby the  
15 trail;
- 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 a cultural heritage corridor.

21 (c) The Na Ala Hele program shall submit a written report  
22 to the legislature of its findings and recommendations,

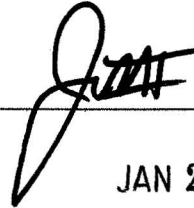


1 including a proposed budget, no later than twenty days prior to  
2 the convening of the 2010 regular session.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.

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**Report Title:**

Walking Trails; Pi'ilani Trail; Feasibility Study

**Description:**

Request the Na Ala Hele program under the department of land and natural resources to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Pi'ilani trail from Kaupo to Kapalua as an important Hawaiian coastal cultural heritage corridor and opening the trail to the public.

