
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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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WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai Drive Wetland on O'ahu is an important feeding and nesting site for the 'alae 'ula that supports a population of nine birds; and

WHEREAS, the 'alae 'ula that feed and nest at the Hawaii Kai Drive Wetland in Maunalua Bay face a number of threats, including loss of habitat due to development, and predation by dogs, rats, mongoose, cats, and cattle egrets; and

WHEREAS, residential development on Hawaii Kai Drive near Hawea Heiau, threatens the endangered resident population of 'alae 'ula inhabiting the area; and

WHEREAS, the development carried out by the landowner in June 2009 led to the bulldozing of the buffer to the wetland, where the endangered 'alae 'ula feed and nest; and

WHEREAS, the completion of an environmental assessment of the development may have brought to light the importance of the area to and impact of the development on the endangered 'alae 'ula; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to require an environmental assessment for any project or potentially harmful action that would negatively impact the Hawaii Kai Drive Wetland and Spring and the Hawea Heiau area in Hawaii Kai, Oahu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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