
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
IMPLEMENT THE 'AHA MOKU COUNCILS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
'AHA KIOLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, TO ADVISE THE STATE ON
NATIVE HAWAIIAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES.

1 WHEREAS, Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, as amended
2 by Act 39, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, established the 'Aha
3 Kiole Advisory Committee to initiate the process of creating a
4 system of best practices that is based upon the indigenous
5 resource practices of moku (regional) boundaries, which
6 acknowledge the natural contours of the land, the specific
7 resources located within those areas, and the methodology
8 necessary to sustain resources and the community; and
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10 WHEREAS, hundreds of cultural and traditional
11 practitioners, kupuna, farmers, fishers, educators, policy
12 makers, and other knowledgeable community members from dozens of
13 moku throughout the State have since joined together to discuss
14 best practices in the area of Hawaiian resource management; and
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16 WHEREAS, in December 2010, the 'Aha Kiole Advisory
17 Committee issued its final report to the Legislature, in which
18 it recommends that the Legislature reestablish the 'aha moku
19 system, which is derived from Hawaii's traditional land division
20 system and includes the creation of an 'Aha Moku Council to
21 represent each moku; and
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23 WHEREAS, according to the 'Aha Kiole Advisory Committee,
24 each 'Aha Moku Council would be a part of the municipality in
25 which it occurs and would consult with its respective county on
26 traditional natural resource and land management issues pursuant
27 to county jurisdictions and municipal authority; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
 2 Natural Resources is requested to implement the 'Aha Moku
 3 Councils, as recommended by the 'Aha Kiole Advisory Committee,
 4 to advise the State on Hawaiian resource management practices;
 5 and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that although the Department of Land
 8 and Natural Resources should not be responsible for the
 9 organization or oversight of any 'Aha Moku Council, the
 10 Department of Land and Natural Resources is urged to develop a
 11 process to acknowledge and recognize the established 'Aha Moku
 12 Council from each moku as they approach the Department of Land
 13 and Natural Resources; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Mayor
 17 of each county, the Chairperson of the 'Aha Kiole Advisory
 18 Committee, the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian
 19 Affairs, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Hawaiian
 20 Affairs of the House of Representatives.

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