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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE AHUPUAA  
SURROUNDING NA WAI EHA IN MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, the ahupuaa surrounding Na Wai Eha in Maui,  
2 including Wailuku, Waiehu, Ahikulu, and Waihee, is of  
3 considerable cultural significance and should be preserved and  
4 protected against future development; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the mountains of Na Wai Eha are home to several  
7 burial sites and three historic heiau located in Wailuku and the  
8 mountain ridges of Polipoli and Mauna Alani; and  
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10          WHEREAS, ancient Hawaiian boundary stones in the area were  
11 purposely aligned to delineate the ahupuaa surrounding Na Wai  
12 Eha and protect the area from trespassers; and  
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14          WHEREAS, any permitted development, including alterations  
15 to the land made in anticipation of recreational use, in the  
16 areas surrounding Na Wai Eha would result in unwelcome  
17 disturbances to the ancient burial sites and heiau; and  
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19          WHEREAS, the waters of Na Wai Eha have been diverted for  
20 more than a century to irrigate sugar plantations; development  
21 in the area of Na Wai Eha should be curbed to recharge the  
22 streamflow to the ground water supply that sustains more than  
23 half of Maui's residents and visitors; now, therefore,  
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25          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2011, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and  
28 other state and county agencies are requested to do everything  
29 within their respective areas of responsibility to protect and  
30 preserve the ahupuaa surrounding Na Wai Eha in Maui, including  
31 Wailuku, Waiehu, Ahikulu, and Waihee; and  
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33          BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the  
34 curbing of development and recreational use of the lands in the  
35 ahupuaa surrounding Na Wai Eha; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of  
3 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the  
4 Commission on Water Resource Management, the Mayor of Maui, and  
5 the Chairperson of the Maui County Council.  
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