
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ACTIVATE AND ENFORCE EXISTING
ORDINANCES AS WELL AS ADOPT ORDINANCES IDENTIFYING AND
PROTECTING CULTURALLY VALUABLE SITES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii includes more than 10,932 square miles of
2 land, with a unique culture found nowhere else on earth, and
3 much of this land is held in ownership by the federal
4 government, the State, corporate entities, and private
5 individuals; and

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7 WHEREAS, throughout the State there remain certain lands
8 that retain special cultural value, usually in rural areas and
9 often containing culturally valuable sites and resources, both
10 tangible and intangible; and

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12 WHEREAS, some of these culturally special lands are found
13 in Hana, Lahaina, and Keanae on the island of Maui; Halawa and
14 Milolii on the island of Hawaii; the islands of Molokai, Lanai,
15 and Kahoolawe; Waiahole, Waikane, and Kahana on the island of
16 Oahu; and Hanalei and Hanapepe on the island of Kauai; and

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18 WHEREAS, these culturally valuable lands sustain and
19 support native Hawaiian lifestyles and traditions; and

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21 WHEREAS, these valuable lands include native Hawaiian
22 gathering areas; areas where native Hawaiian agricultural uses,
23 such as taro cultivation, are perpetuated; ancient grave sites
24 with iwi; and lands where native Hawaiian activities, such as
25 fishpond cultivation and limu gathering, are practiced; now,
26 therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2011, that each of the counties are requested to activate and
31 enforce existing ordinances as well as adopt ordinances
32 identifying and protecting these culturally valuable sites; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Chairperson of
3 the Council of each county.

