
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF MOLOKAI RANCH TO EXCHANGE STATE LANDS FOR MOLOKAI RANCH LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, Molokai Ranch encompasses about fifty-three
2 thousand acres, or roughly one-third of the entire island of
3 Molokai; and
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5 WHEREAS, Molokai Ranch, which closed in 2008, was a
6 significant economic driver for Molokai's small population and
7 rural lifestyle; and
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9 WHEREAS, the closure of Molokai Ranch put one hundred
10 twenty of Molokai's seven thousand five hundred residents out of
11 work; and
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13 WHEREAS, the State is interested in acquiring the Molokai
14 Ranch property from its current owners, Molokai Properties,
15 Ltd., but would like to exchange certain state-owned lands for
16 the Molokai Ranch lands; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2011, that the Governor is urged to negotiate an agreement
21 with the owners of Molokai Ranch to exchange state lands for the
22 Molokai Ranch property; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the President of
26 Molokai Properties, Ltd.
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OFFERED BY:



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