
HOUSE 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 Kiolo 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 Kiolo 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 Kiolo 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
31 of 2011, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
32 requested to implement the 'Aha Moku Councils, as recommended by



1 the 'Aha Kiole Advisory Committee, to advise the State on
2 Hawaiian resource management practices; and

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

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

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