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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DETERMINE WHETHER LANDS ALONG THE WAIPIO PENINSULA AND WAIPAHU SHORELINES ARE ACCRETED LANDS AND THEREFORE STATE PROPERTY FOR PROSPECTIVE USE AS A STATE PARK.

1           WHEREAS, over the years, the extreme high water mark of the  
2 Waipahu shoreline coupled with mud and silt from two feeder  
3 streams from upland Waipahu has gradually changed, creating  
4 accreted lands; and  
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6           WHEREAS, there now exists unclaimed accreted lands Waipio  
7 Peninsula and the Waipahu shorelines; and  
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9           WHEREAS, by comparative size analysis, these accreted lands  
10 are approximately over 200 acres; and  
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12           WHEREAS, section 501-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, states  
13 that no applicant other than the State shall register land  
14 accreted along the ocean, except that a private property owner  
15 whose eroded land has been restored by accretion may file an  
16 accretion claim to regain title to the restored portion; and  
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18           WHEREAS, section 171-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, defines  
19 "accreted lands" as lands formed by the gradual accumulation of  
20 land on a beach or shore along the ocean by the action of  
21 natural forces; and  
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23           WHEREAS, the accreted lands along the Waipio Peninsula and  
24 Waipahu shorelines, which are currently unused and without a Tax  
25 Map Key, should be designated as a state park reserve to be  
26 later designated as the Waipahu Shoreline Park for the community  
27 to enjoy; and



1 WHEREAS, parks and open recreational spaces positively  
2 affect the health and vibrancy of a community; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the people of Waipahu do not have such a space,  
5 and are deprived of the positive benefits of having a place for  
6 their children to play, the elderly to relax, and the entire  
7 community to enjoy and call their own; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the closest state parks are located outside of  
10 Waipahu in central Oahu and at Kaena Point, and are distant and  
11 inconvenient to Waipahu residents; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
15 of 2011, that this body urges the Department of Land and Natural  
16 Resources to study whether the lands along the Waipio Peninsula  
17 and Waipahu shorelines are accreted lands and therefore are  
18 state property for prospective use as a state park in the  
19 future; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
22 Natural Resources submit a report of its findings and  
23 recommendations on the registration of the accreted lands along  
24 the Waipio Peninsula and Waipahu shorelines to the Legislature,  
25 including whether the lands are suitable for use as a state park  
26 in the future; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of the City and  
30 County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
31 Resources, and the Chairperson of the Waipahu Neighborhood  
32 Board.

