
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS AND URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AHA MOKU SYSTEM OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND TO ESTABLISH THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is
2 dedicated to the restoration of Hawai'i's environment and
3 ecosystem; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2005, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,
6 through its Ocean Resources Committee, introduced ahupua'a and
7 moku-based management into the Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management
8 Plan; and
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10 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Department of Business, Economic
11 Development, and Tourism, Office of State Planning, Coastal Zone
12 Management Program, published the Ocean Resources Management
13 Plan; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan supported the
16 development of ahupua'a and moku-based management of natural
17 resources; and
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19 WHEREAS, between August 2006 and April 2007, the
20 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,
21 Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, and
22 Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council partnered
23 and cosponsored five conferences of the Ho'ohanohano I Na
24 Kupuna Puwalu series; and
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26 WHEREAS, in June 2007, the Legislature passed Act 212
27 establishing the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee with the task of
28 identifying the system and structure of best practices for



1 traditional natural resource management in Hawaii and promoting
2 education and understanding of traditional ahupua'a and moku
3 management; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee submitted interim
6 reports in 2008 and 2009, and a final report in 2011, to the
7 Legislature identifying the Aha Moku system (i.e. a place-based
8 management system utilizing Hawaii's traditional land districts)
9 as the system of best management practices for Hawai'i's natural
10 resources; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee, after conducting
13 more than one hundred consultations with communities based on the
14 ahupua'a and moku (traditional land districts) as delineated
15 using the 1837 Kalama maps as a foundation guideline, identified
16 five elements to the Aha Moku System of best practices:
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- 18 (1) Adaptive management;
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- 20 (2) Code of conduct;
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- 22 (3) Community consultation;
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- 24 (4) Education; and
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- 26 (5) Eligibility criteria for participating in natural
27 resource management; and
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29 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 23 (2011) was an extension of
30 Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, and Act 39, Session Laws
31 of Hawaii 2009, tasking the Aha Ki'ole with determining the
32 system of best practices for natural resource management; and
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34 WHEREAS, there was public support for the establishment
35 of the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Commission and implementation of the
36 Aha Moku system of natural resource management; and
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38 WHEREAS, the Legislature overwhelmingly approved and
39 recommended final passage of Senate Bill No. 23 (2011), that
40 established Aha Ki'ole as an advisory commission to the Department
41 of Land and Natural Resources; and
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43 WHEREAS, after the Regular Session of 2011, the Governor
44 vetoed Senate Bill No. 23 that would have established within



1 the Department of Land and Natural Resources the Aha Ki'ole
2 Advisory Commission; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Aha Ki'ole and Moku Councils have addressed
5 the reasons for the Governor's veto of Senate Bill No. 23 (2011)
6 by working with the Legislature, Department of Land and Natural
7 Resources, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

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9 WHEREAS, restoration of the Aha Moku System will serve to
10 remedy and restore Hawai'i's exhausted and abused environment
11 and ecosystem; 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 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature recognizes
16 and supports the position of the Association of Hawaiian Civic
17 Clubs and urges the Governor to support the development of the
18 Aha Moku System of natural resource management and establish the
19 Aha Moku Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and
20 Natural Resources to provide guidance in the management of
21 natural resources in Hawaii; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
25 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director
26 of Transportation; Director of Health; Chairperson of the Board
27 of Agriculture; Director of Business, Economic Development, and
28 Tourism; Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
29 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
30 Affairs; and the President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic
31 Clubs.

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