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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
LEASE CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AND  
WAIMEA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS TO BE USED AS A TRAILHEAD AND  
COUNTY PARK.

1 WHEREAS, Waimea Trails and Greenways project and the County  
2 of Hawaii seek to acquire 17.6 acres of public land, identified  
3 as Tax Map Key 6-6-001:010 in Lalamilo to be used as a trailhead  
4 and county park; and

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6 WHEREAS, Waimea Trails and Greenways project and the County  
7 of Hawaii are extremely interested in the subject land, as it  
8 would allow the first phase of the Waimea Trails and Greenways  
9 project to connect to Kawaihae Road at two places; and

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11 WHEREAS, the subject land is currently under lease to a  
12 private party who has indicated that it would be willing to  
13 exchange the subject land for another parcel; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Waimea Trails and Greenways project would  
16 provide an alternative mode of transportation through the town  
17 of Waimea, a safe place of recreation and exercise, and easy  
18 access and enjoyment of public lands and resources; and

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20 WHEREAS, Waimea is in a beautiful setting surrounded by  
21 private land with very limited public access hiking trails; and

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23 WHEREAS, walking and biking in Waimea must be done on a  
24 high-speed cross island highway with heavy truck traffic; and

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26 WHEREAS, the trail effort was begun in 1994 as a community  
27 based Waimea Main Street Project and continues to meet every  
28 Monday to advocate for the trail; in 1995, the County of Hawaii  
29 accepted it as a project under the Department of Parks and  
30 Recreation; and

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1 WHEREAS, through community workdays and organizing  
2 volunteers from local schools and other groups, the Waimea  
3 Trails and Greenways Committee has cleared the corridor, removed  
4 fallen trees from the trail way and stream, made wood chips, and  
5 maintained the trail; and

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7 WHEREAS, the trail will connect people to the six schools  
8 in the heart of Waimea, and the trail will also connect  
9 churches, shopping centers, and parks in the urban core; and

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11 WHEREAS, the trail is used by office workers in the  
12 buildings near the trail for exercise, contributing to a healthy  
13 lifestyle, and was used by Tutu's House participants in their  
14 health drive as a safe walking area; and

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16 WHEREAS, owners of non-motorized vehicles will have the  
17 opportunity to leave their car and not pollute the environment;  
18 now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
23 and Natural Resources is encouraged to lease public land  
24 identified as Tax Map Key 6-6-001:010 to the County of Hawaii  
25 and Waimea Trails and Greenways project to allow for the land to  
26 be used as a trailhead and county park; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County  
30 of Hawaii and Waimea Trails and Greenways.

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OFFERED BY: 