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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
SUBMIT A FINANCIAL REPORT ON THE COSTS OF MANAGING WAO KELE  
O PUNA.

1           WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2007, the Office of Hawaiian  
2           Affairs acquired the 25,856-acre Wao Kele O Puna, also known as  
3           the Puna Forest Reserve, which is located on the Island of  
4           Hawaii and is the largest intact lowland rainforest in the  
5           State; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the acquisition of Wao Kele O Puna was intended to  
8           protect and preserve for future generations the natural beauty  
9           and cultural resources of the forest; and  
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11           WHEREAS, Wao Kele O Puna is a trove of resources for  
12           Hawaiian traditional practices and a safe haven for native flora  
13           and fauna; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
16           manages the Wao Kele O Puna forest on behalf of the Office of  
17           Hawaiian Affairs, which pays the department \$228,000 each year  
18           for the costs of managing the land; and  
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20           WHEREAS, a financial report setting forth the costs of  
21           managing Wao Kele O Puna since its acquisition by the Office of  
22           Hawaiian Affairs would promote transparency, ensure that  
23           expenditures are being made prudently, and help determine the  
24           sufficiency of current funding; now, therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27           Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28           Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
29           Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit a financial  
30           report for fiscal years 2006 through 2013 detailing the  
31           following for each fiscal year:



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- (1) All amounts received from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs for the management of Wao Kele O Puna;
- (2) All expenditures made to manage Wao Kele O Puna, including the purpose of each expenditure; and
- (3) The amount remaining on balance for the management of Wao Kele O Puna at the close of the fiscal year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to submit the financial report to all legislators no later than September 30, 2014; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

OFFERED BY:



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