HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING MEMBERS OF HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THE KAHOOLAWE ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION WITH FUNDING FOR THE LONG-TERM RESTORATION OF KAHOOLAWE.

WHEREAS, Title X of the 1994 Department of Defense Appropriations Act conveyed Kahoolawe and its surrounding waters back to the State; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 6K, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission administers and manages the Kahoolawe Island Reserve while it is held in trust for a future Native Hawaiian sovereign entity; and

WHEREAS, the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission establishes policies for and controls uses of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve; coordinates the environmental restoration of the Reserve; and provides for the perpetuation of native Hawaiian customs, beliefs, and practices; and

WHEREAS, the 1994 Department of Defense Appropriations Act appropriated \$44,000,000 to the State to carry out environmental restoration and other archaeological and educational activities on the Kahoolawe Island Reserve; and

WHEREAS, the federal funding has allowed the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission to establish many of its innovative programs that emphasize ancestral and traditional knowledge, provide a cultural approach of respect and connectivity to the environment, and integrate ancient and modern resource management techniques; and

WHEREAS, the federal appropriation, although substantial, is not sufficient to establish a sustainable endowment for the long-term restoration of Kahoolawe; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular

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Session of 2014, that the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation are urged to introduce federal legislation to provide the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission with funding for the long-term restoration of Kahoolawe; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to members of Hawaii's congressional delegation and the Chairperson of the Kahoolawe Island Reserve Commission.

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