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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
DESIGNATE THE ROYAL ORDER OF KAMEHAMEHA AS THE KONOHIKI OF
KA'AWALOA TO HAVE OVERSIGHT AND MANAGEMENT OF KA'AWALOA AND
TO FORMULATE A MASTER PLAN FOR KA'AWALOA.

1 WHEREAS, the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain
2 James Cook in 1778 was an event of worldwide implications; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Islands were immediately recognized
5 as a strategic discovery, serving as a refueling port and midway
6 point in traversing the vast Pacific Ocean, which dramatically
7 and forever altered the destiny of an island civilization that
8 had evolved for centuries in isolation from the rest of the
9 world; and
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11 WHEREAS, Ka'awaloa was the vibrant village and home of
12 Kalaniopu'u, the ruling chief of Hawai'i in 1778, and it was also
13 where Captain Cook anchored his two sailing vessels in the
14 offshore waters of Kealakekua Bay to engage and learn about life
15 in the islands and restock food and water supplies; and
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17 WHEREAS, Captain Cook's introduction of western
18 civilization to Hawaii, along with its technologies, weapons,
19 and diseases, dramatically altered the underpinnings of a simple
20 yet sophisticated island society; and
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22 WHEREAS, Captain Cook was killed on the shoreline of
23 Ka'awaloa as a result of a number of incidents and cultural
24 missteps with native villagers; news of his demise spread
25 rapidly throughout Europe, followed by a steady and unending
26 flow of vessels to the Hawaiian Islands from nations throughout
27 the world; and
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29 WHEREAS, the discovery of the Hawaiian Islands by Captain
30 Cook brought dramatic changes to Hawaii's ancient governance,
31 religion, economy, and societal structure that were amplified by



1 the fact that native Hawaiians lacked immunities to the simplest
2 of illnesses which were nonexistent in the islands but prevalent
3 throughout the western world; and
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5 WHEREAS, there was no meaningful action to honor the death
6 and remains of Captain Cook at Ka'awaloa, and one hundred years
7 after his death the British government erected a monument on the
8 site where he died on a parcel near the shoreline, which was
9 gifted by the Hawaiian Kingdom to the British counsel; and
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11 WHEREAS, while no event or place in the Hawaiian Islands
12 rivals the worldwide impact and historic stature of Captain
13 Cook's discovery and subsequent death at Ka'awaloa, no other
14 event or place in the Hawaiian Islands can be linked to the
15 indiscriminate loss of life and irreparable impairment that
16 ravished the health, character, and destiny of Hawaii's native
17 inhabitants who died at an inordinate rate from the simplest of
18 illnesses; and
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20 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has struggled for years to
21 gain the necessary support for a plan that appropriately honors
22 Ka'awaloa, without the broad based support of the families of the
23 neighboring communities and the numerous native Hawaiian
24 organizations involved in the preservation, perpetuation, and
25 advocacy of native Hawaiian culture; and
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27 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii provides a special designation
28 to Iolani Palace and the Royal Mausoleum under the
29 administration of the Division of State Parks; and
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31 WHEREAS, Ka'awaloa should be viewed as the predecessor of
32 Iolani Palace, having been the ancient seat of governance for
33 the ruling chief of the islands in 1778; and
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35 WHEREAS, Ka'awaloa was a mausoleum for Hawaii's ruling
36 chiefs who were buried in the cliffs that buttressed Ka'awaloa as
37 well as grave sites and heiau within the village that required
38 greater security and oversight; and
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40 WHEREAS, the Royal Order of Kamehameha was established in
41 1865 by Kamehameha V, Lot Kapuaiwa, to honor his grandfather
42 Kamehameha the Great who unified the Kingdom of Hawaii not long
43 after the death of Captain James Cook; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Royal Order of Kamehameha continues to observe
3 and preserve the ancient traditions, rituals, and customs of
4 Hawaii's ancient leaders and understands the sensitivities,
5 protocols, and cultural nuances that are essential to the
6 historical and cultural underpinnings of the State of Hawaii;
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9 WHEREAS, the Royal Order of Kamehameha is broadly
10 recognized and acknowledged throughout Hawai'i as the preeminent
11 leader, responsible for sustaining Hawaii's ancient traditions,
12 obligations, and duties in perpetuity for all future
13 generations; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that:

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19 (1) The Department of Land and Natural Resources is
20 requested to designate the Royal Order of Kamehameha
21 as the konohiki of Ka'awaloa, to have oversight and
22 management of Ka'awaloa;
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24 (2) The Royal Order of Kamehameha, in its capacity as
25 konohiki of Ka'awaloa, is requested to formulate a
26 master plan for Ka'awaloa that honors Hawaii's most
27 consequential historical event, the discovery of the
28 Hawaiian Islands and its introduction to Western
29 civilization;
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31 (3) In the formulation of the Ka'awaloa Master Plan, the
32 Royal Order of Kamehameha is requested to consult with
33 all trusts established by the descendants of
34 Kamehameha the Great for the benefit of native
35 Hawaiians, including the Queen Liliuokalani Trust,
36 Kamehameha Schools, The Queen's Health Systems,
37 Lunaliilo Trust, Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
38 Affairs, the executive leadership of the Hawaiian
39 Civic Clubs, as well as the families and community
40 organizations of Napo'opo'o; and
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42 (4) The Royal Order of Kamehameha, in formulating the
43 Ka'awaloa Master Plan, is requested to consult with



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1 Hawaii County, which has announced its intention to
 2 complete the second phase of the highway, a requisite
 3 of the Hokuia project that will provide a more
 4 readily available access to Ka'awaloa, and to also
 5 consult with the major landowners in the vicinity,
 6 including the Keauhou Resort, Hokuia, and neighboring
 7 ranches; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
 10 Natural Resources is requested to fund the costs of formulating
 11 the Ka'awaloa Master Plan; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
 14 Natural Resources is requested to report to the Legislature on
 15 the details of the Ka'awaloa Master Plan no later than twenty
 16 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 20 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Royal Order of
 21 Kamehameha.

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