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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO RECOMMEND DESIGNATED AREAS ON STATE  
PROPERTIES ON WHICH TO ERECT AHU AND TO REPORT TO THE  
LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO THE 2015 REGULAR SESSION.

1 WHEREAS, an ahu is a stone heap or platform used by the  
2 Polynesians as a marker or memorial; and

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4 WHEREAS, ahu were once common in old Hawaii to honor and  
5 memorialize the deceased; and

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7 WHEREAS, ahu were firmly entrenched in Hawaiian culture;  
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10 WHEREAS, for example, in Kona, Hawaii, the Kona Beach Hotel  
11 is on one of the most historic sites in all of Hawaii where King  
12 Kamehameha I established his royal residence adjacent to the  
13 current site of his namesake hotel, and during his reign he  
14 rebuilt ahu'ena heiau, a temple dedicated to Lono who was the  
15 Hawaiian god of peace, agriculture, and prosperity; now,  
16 therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the  
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
21 and Natural Resources is requested to convene a task force to  
22 recommend designated areas on state properties on which to erect  
23 ahu; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of  
26 the following members:

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28 (1) Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
29 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;  
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- 1 (2) Administrator of the State Historic Preservation
- 2 Division, or the Administrator's designee;
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- 4 (3) Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of
- 5 Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 7 (4) A representative of the Association of Hawaiian Civic
- 8 Clubs, to be selected by the Association of Hawaiian
- 9 Civic Clubs; and
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- 11 (5) A representative of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum,
- 12 to be selected by the Museum; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 15 Natural Resources is requested to report to the Legislature the  
 16 findings and recommendations of the task force no later than  
 17 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 18 2015; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on  
 21 June 30, 2015; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 25 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the State  
 26 Historic Preservation Division, Chairperson of the Board of  
 27 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Association of  
 28 Hawaiian Civic Clubs, and Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.

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 31 OFFERED BY:   
  
