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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE KAHO'OLAWA ISLAND RESERVE COMMISSION TO PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS KIHEI PROPERTY TO PROVIDE A SENSE OF PLACE THAT REFLECTS THE CULTURE, HISTORY, AND TRADITION OF NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

1           WHEREAS, The Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission (the  
2 "Commission") controls an 8.261-acre property, identified as Tax  
3 Map Key numbers (2)3-9-004: por. 001 and 61, situated on South  
4 Kihei Road between the Kihei Small Boat Ramp and the Kihei  
5 Surfside condominium; and

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7           WHEREAS, the subject property is currently occupied by the  
8 Commission's boathouse, which shelters the Commission's vessel  
9 Hākilo, and includes a gravel and concrete access driveway that  
10 connects the boathouse with the boat ramp parking lot; and

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12           WHEREAS, in 2000, the Commission prepared an environmental  
13 assessment to evaluate the potential impacts of the Commission's  
14 long-term plan for the subject property, including an office and  
15 information center, boathouse and storage facility, and native  
16 Hawaiian plant nursery, and a Finding of No Significant Impact  
17 was published in May 2000, allowing the boathouse project to  
18 proceed; and

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20           WHEREAS, in February 2002, Governor Linda Lingle signed  
21 Executive Order No. 3963, which set aside the subject property  
22 to the control and management of the Commission to be used for  
23 the same uses contemplated in the 2000 environmental assessment;  
24 and

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26           WHEREAS, in June 2002, the Commission received a special  
27 management area minor permit to construct the boathouse and  
28 access road; and

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30           WHEREAS, the Commission's long-term plan for the subject  
31 property is for a two-story office and information center to  
32 replace its current leased space in the Wailuku industrial area;  
33 and



1           WHEREAS, the long-term plan will require a special  
2 management area major permit, in addition to a change in zoning  
3 and community plan amendment to establish public/quasi-public  
4 land use designations for the presently park-zoned parcel; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the two-story office and information center  
7 building will have a total of approximately 14,400 square feet  
8 of interior space, with a footprint of approximately 8,100  
9 square feet, with room for a conference room, break room,  
10 computer/server room, and restrooms, and approximately 5,250  
11 square feet will be devoted to the Commission's historical and  
12 interactive exhibit about Kaho'olawe; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the office and information center will also house  
15 an auditorium and classroom to be available for use by community  
16 groups, in addition to their uses in support of the Commission's  
17 programs and operations; and  
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19           WHEREAS, there will also be an exhibit and visitor center  
20 to be open to the public, particularly to school and community  
21 groups, to provide information on Kaho'olawe's history and the  
22 Commission's restoration and management activities, an outdoor  
23 performance/gathering area, and a plant nursery and interactive  
24 exhibit; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the proposed new office and information center  
27 should have a sense of place to reflect the culture, history,  
28 and tradition of Native Hawaiians, which the Commission is  
29 mandated to do for the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve pursuant to  
30 section 6K-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which provides in  
31 pertinent part:  
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33           "The Kaho'olawe island reserve shall be used solely and  
34 exclusively for the following purposes:  
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- 36           (1) Preservation and practice of all rights customarily  
37 and traditionally exercised by native Hawaiians for  
38 cultural, spiritual, and subsistence purposes . . .";  
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41           WHEREAS, the subject area in Kihei is presently lacking in  
42 Hawaiian culture, history, and tradition, as Kihei has become a  
43 visitor industry mecca; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,  
 4 that the Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission is requested to  
 5 plan for the development of its Kihei property to provide a  
 6 sense of place that reflects the culture, history, and tradition  
 7 of Native Hawaiians; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 11 Land and Natural Resources and the Chairperson of the Kaho'olawe  
 12 Island Reserve Commission.

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