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## SENATE 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  
32 the fact that native Hawaiians lacked immunities to the simplest



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

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 8           WHEREAS, the Royal Order of Kamehameha is broadly  
 9 recognized and acknowledged throughout Hawai'i as the preeminent  
 10 leader, responsible for sustaining Hawaii's ancient traditions,  
 11 obligations, and duties in perpetuity for all future  
 12 generations; now, therefore,

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

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



1 complete the second phase of the highway, a requisite  
 2 of the Hokulia project that will provide a more  
 3 readily available access to Ka'awaloa, and to also  
 4 consult with the major landowners in the vicinity,  
 5 including the Keauhou Resort, Hokulia, and neighboring  
 6 ranches; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 9 Natural Resources is requested to fund the costs of formulating  
 10 the Ka'awaloa Master Plan; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 13 Natural Resources is requested to report to the Legislature on  
 14 the details of the Ka'awaloa Master Plan no later than twenty  
 15 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 19 Land and Natural Resources and the Royal Order of Kamehameha.  
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