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SENATE 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,
20 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested
21 to convene a task force to recommend designated areas on state
22 properties on which to erect ahu; and

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

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27 (1) Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
28 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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30 (2) Administrator of the State Historic Preservation
31 Division, or the Administrator's designee;
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33 (3) Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of
34 Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chairperson's designee;



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- 2 (4) A representative of the Association of Hawaiian Civic
- 3 Clubs, to be selected by the Association of Hawaiian
- 4 Civic Clubs; and
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- 6 (5) A representative of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum,
- 7 to be selected by the Museum; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
 10 Natural Resources is requested to report to the Legislature the
 11 findings and recommendations of the task force no later than
 12 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 13 2015; and

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

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 20 Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the State Historic
 21 Preservation Division, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of
 22 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Association of Hawaiian Civic
 23 Clubs, and Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.

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 26 OFFERED BY: *Malena Lee*
King K. Heke

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